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Bombers Hit Half Their Targets

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House said Thursday that the military strike against Iraq had destroyed only about half the targeted missile sites and radar installations. But officials called it a success and brushed off President Saddam Hussein's defiant response as "not in touch with reality."

"We accomplished our objective," said Brent Scowcroft, President George Bush's national security adviser. He estimated that U.S. and allied planes had destroyed "in the neighborhood of half" the eight targets they

A Pentagon official said footage taken by cameras on the planes showed that all the anti-aircraft sites were hit with multiple

bombs and that about half were leveled. The official, who asked not to be identified, also said the air force was preparing to send more aircraft to Saudi Arabia, apparently to deter fragi retaliation.

The White House press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, said, "In terms of accomplishing its political and diplomatic purposes, we think it certainly did send a strong message to Saddam Hussein that we are prepared to act to enforce the resolutions, that we have the political will and the military ability to do it."

"We made essentially one run," he added. It lasted about a half-hour to 45 minutes. It's clear that we could have done as much damage as we wanted to if we'd wanted to spend more effort and military might."

Mr. Fitzwater said that Iraq's chief dele-gate to the United Nations had indicated that Baghdad now would comply with the UN resolutions.

"We'll have to wait and see," he added. Mr. Scowcroft said on a U.S. television program, "Any further military action will depend heavily on Saddam's behavior."

U.S. warplanes flew over southern Iraq again on Thursday, assessing the damage from their raids.

The Iraqi military said that it had suffered only "superficial" damage and that 19 sol-diers and civilians died. Mr. Saddam threatened to "turn the skies of Iraq into a lava

See IRAQ, Page 6

Clinton's Message to Saddam: No Hope of Normal Relations sitting here on the couch, I would further the By Thomas L. Friedman Ven York Times Service

WASHINGTON - President-elect Bill Clinton on Thursday backed away from his suggestion that he would be ready to have a relationship with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq if he changed his behavior and abided by all United Nations resolutions.

Mr. Clinton denied that he had said in an interview with The New York Times that he would ever "normalize relations" with the Iraqi leader, a term of art used to describe the estab lishment of diplomatic relations.

That was not what he said in the interview. (Portions of the interview appear on Page 6.) Asked during a news conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, to explain his comment that if Mr. Saddam "wants a different relationship with the United States and the United Nations, all he has to do is change his behavior." Mr. Clinton denied that this in any way connoted a signal that he was ready for normal relations with the Iraqi leader.

Mr. Clinton said that everyone in the room who had heard the interview was amazed that this conclusion could be drawn from his statements about his willingness to have a relationship with Mr. Saddam if he changed his behav-

That was not the view of some Clinton aides Thursday night, though. One of them, upon having the story read to him after publication, commented, "That's what he said."

According to transition officials, Mr. Clinton's foreign-policy team was surprised by the president-elect's remarks, which were in stark contrast with the message being delivered in Washington by his secretary of state-designate, Warren M. Christopher. Mr. Christopher was telling Congress he would support war-crimes trials against Iraq for its campaign of torture and execution against its Kurdish population. In the Wednesday interview, Mr. Clinton was repeatedly asked whether he could imagine

Shifting Gears On the Tax Cut

Seeking to explain an apparent change in his position on a tax cut for middle-class Americans, President-elect Bill Clinton said Thursday that the plan was never a major theme in his election campaign. Growing estimates of the deficit require

a president to shift gears, he said. He added: "I think that it would be irresponsible for any president of the

United States ever not to respond to changing circumstances." (Page 3) Addressing a news conference in Little

Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Clinton also annonneoi that he would continue the Bush administration's policy of forcibly returning Haitian refugees. He said that he still believed that the policy should be changed, and said, "I will end the practice when I am fully confident I can do so in a way that does not contribute to a humanitarian tragedy." (Page 5)

"normal relationship" or even a "normalized relationship" with the Iraqi leader — in con-trast with the current state of affairs. On each occasion, he responded not by saying no, but rather by describing what were his conditions for a new relationship with Iraq.

Asked. "If he were here on the couch, what would you say to him?." Mr. Clinton answered: "If you want a different relationship with me. you could begin by upholding the UN requirements to change your behavior. You know, I'm not obsessed with the man, but I am obsessed with the standards of conduct embodied in

those UN accords, and I think that if he were

change in his behavior."

"You know," he added, "if he spent just a half, maybe even a third, of the time worrying about the welfare of his people that he spends worrying about where he positions his SAM missiles and whether he can aggravate Bush by violating the cease-fire agreement, what he's going to do to the people who don't agree with him in the south and in Iraq and in his own country, I think he'd be a stronger leader and be

a lot better shape over the long run."

Asked, "But you don't take the view that there can be no normal relations with this man or with Iraq as long as he exists in power there?" Mr. Clinton replied:

"Based on the evidence that we have, the people of Iraq would be better off if they had a different leader. But my job is not to pick their rulers for them. I always tell everybody I'm a Baptist. I believe in deathbed conversions. If he wants a different relationship with the United States and with the United Nations, all he has to do is change his behavior."

That was followed by the question, "So you're not ruling out anything?"

Mr. Clinton answered: "I'm not ruling out or ruling in. The issue here is not personalities except insolar as that impacts on behavior." He was then asked, "Could you imagine ever

having normalized relations with Iraq as long as Saddam is in power?" Mr. Clinton answered, "I can't imagine having normalized relations with Iraq with the sort

of behavior that characterizes what they did."

Reuters reported from Washington: Mr. Christopher said on Thursday that there would be no softening of U.S. policy.

He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that The Times story was a misinterpretation of his intentions. Mr. Christopher said the most that could be understood from the interview was that Mr. Clinton would "perhaps keep the feud from being personalized.

Arabs Decry West's 'Double Standard'

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

CAIRO - Arab reaction to the allied air raid on Iraq has been muted, reflecting little concern for Iraq itself but focusing on what several leading Arab figures described as a double standard in applying United Nations sanctions to Arabs and non-Arabs.

Syria, Jordan and the Palestinians bemoaned the stern fashion that the West has adopted in dealing with Iraq's violations of UN resolutions, while overlooking infractions by other countries, particularly Israel and the former Yugoslavia.

"Why do they punish Iraq strongly and not d Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the chairman of the Palestinian negotiating team that is conducting direct talks with Israel under the auspices of the peace process that began in Madrid in October 1990. "They should have one standard."

The sentiment was widely shared by spokesmen for Arab countries in newspaper commentary, policy statements and both official and free media organs reflecting what seems to be a universal conviction that Arabs

are the butt of particular punishment. Still there was little sympathy for the Iraqi leader, President Saddam Hussein, whose policies are viewed now as blunders of giganseen as bluster and empty rhetoric.

Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswoman for the Palestinians who supported the Iraqi position throughout the Gulf crisis, noted that this time around "the reaction has been calm and rational. Egypt and other pro-Western moderate countries that were allied with the West in the

war against Iraq expressed concern that repeated blows to Iraq and the continuation of a harsh sanction regime were bolstering the hegemony and power of Iran. President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. a staunch U.S. ally and a severe critic of Mr.

editors, called on Baghdad to "stop its policy of adventures, which is damaging the people of Iraq, their rights and their future." Several Egyptian editorialists noted Thurs-

day that the continued bleeding of Iraq under Mr. Saddam was giving Iran a chance to spread its version of an Islamic republic in the region without the blocking power that Iraq constituted during the eight-year war

that Baghdad waged on Tehran.
Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan have in the past few months repeatedly stressed their concern that in the absence of Iraq's regional influence in the Gulf, Iran has emerged in the past year as a destabilizing force allied with Muslim fundamentalists, including Islamic terrorists trying to overthrow most of the Arab governments.

Gulf countries that have the strongest reason to detest Iraq, including Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, said very little officially, but the popular sentiment reflected in newspaper and street commentaries took obvious pleasure in the hardships inflicted on the Iraqi government

Iran condemned the attack, seeing it as another expansion of Western influence and military presence in the Gulf and the Mid-

istael welcomed the amed do ing only how regrettable it was that the allies did not finish the job of removing Mr. Sad-dam after his defeat in the Gulf War. Jordan, which showed the strongest sym-

pathies for Iraq throughout the Gulf crisis, expressed strong reservations about the at-tack. Prime Minister Zeid Ibn Shaker said

Jordan received the news with "deep regret." Like other Arab figures, including the Syrian foreign minister, Farouk Shara, Marshal Shaker noted that "Arabs and Muslims felt a growing anger" over what he described as the double standards in enforcing UN Security Council resolutions.

Baltic Ferry Capsizes, Killing 48

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches STRALSUND, Germany - A Polish ferry capsized in fierce storms off Germany's Baltic coast Thursday, and 48 of the 60 people aboard were presumed dead, the police said.

The rail ferry Jan Heweliusz purned over in the morning off the island of Rugen at Germany's



northeastern tip, after listing in churning seas with winds of up to 160 kilometers an hour (100 miles

A Mecklenburg state police spokesman confirmed that eight bodies had been pulled from the freezing waters.

He said 12 survivors had been flown to hospitals, amending an earlier statement by rescuers that helicopters had saved 14 people. Asked if 48 people died, he said: "That is a fair assumption."

German Navy helicopters shutiled between the scene and their base at Parlow, a former East German Navy base near Straisund.

"The only people we are bringing up now are dead," Karsten Oehne, a helicopter pilot, said on returning from a mission. "If people are still

out there then they are dead." The ferry had a crew of 28 and 32 passengers, including truck drivers from Germany, Austria, Hungary and Sweden, officials said.

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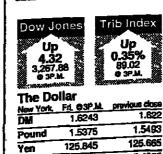
Iraqis buying food on Thursday at a market in Bagbdad. Iraq said 19 people were killed in the allied air strikes late Wednesday night.

Cover-Up Claims Danish Leader

COPENHAGEN (AP) -Prime Minister Poul Schluter re-signed Thursday after an inquiry found he had covered up an illegal policy of blocking visas for relatives of Sri Lankan refugees in Denmark.

He denied any wrongdoing, but said the report's findings made it impossible to remain in office, which he has held for more than a

Mr. Schluter, who will hand his resignation to Queen Margrethe on Friday, will remain in office until a successor is named.





BOYS WILL BE ... BOYS? — Muslim youths imitating their elders Thursday as they posed in front of a car riddled with shrapnel in Dobrinja, a Sarajevo suburb. Britain, meanwhile, said it was sending an aircraft carrier to support its troops in Bosnia. Page 2.

In Russia, a Leap **Into Privatization**

By Fred Hiatt

MOSCOW - Russia kicked off a highly ambitious plan Thursday to privatize hundreds of state-owned companies in a process largely fi-nanced by the U.S. government and unmatched anywhere in scale and

The planned first wave of mass privatization of large and medium-sized firms, fraught with political as well as economic implications, will begin this month and continue until April, said Dmitri Vasilyev, deputy director of Russia's privatization program.

In those three months, Russia hopes to sell at least 500 substantial factories, department stores and other major enterprises with hundreds of thousands of employees and millions of shares. Until now, Russia has privatized more than 30,000 shops and other small enterprises, but practically no big factories.

At Russia's request, the U.S. government is paying the International Finance Corp., an affiliate of the World Bank, and the accounting firm Price Waterhouse to help arrange the sell-offs in 10 regions of the country. Robert V. Burke, deputy director of the U.S. Agency for International Development's office in Moscow, said Washington had allocated about \$13 million to the effort and is ready to spend more.

"This is by far the highest priority the U.S. government has," Mr. Burke said Thursday. "Everything else depends on getting these big enterprises on a market footing."

If Russia comes anywhere near its target, it will be moving far more quickly than any of the East European governments, according to Anthony Doran, an official of the International Finance Corp. who has worked in both places. With conservative reaction mounting against free-

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Leica, Bucking a Trend, Focuses on Germany to Keep Up Its Cult Image

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune SOLMS, Germany - With the right camera, some photographers can do no wrong. So it was that Willi Klar, hastily shooting a portrait of a famous actor in the 1930s, accidentally chopped

off one car. With most photographers and most cameras, the shot would have been a botched job. But this time the camera was a Leica, the quality of the image was otherwise excellent and so the magazine used the photo and in the process launched a fresh portrait style. At least that is the way it is remembered by Mr. Klar, one of thousands of devoted

fans known 25 "Leica photographers." "With a Leica you can do anything," agreed company has been transferring production back to Henri Cartier-Bresson, an early Leica photogra-(Reuters. AP) Pher, who once compared the prestigious German

As the testimonials show, the inventor of the first successful 35mm camera, Leica Camera GmbH is the focus of a cult as obsessed with its

cameras' souls as with their lenses. But its is also a name inextricably linked with German workmanship, an uncertain advertising advantage at a time when rising xenophobic violence has soured the ring of Made in Germany. It

also indicates an uncertain economic quantity in years of breakneck German wage growth and currency appreciation. Nevertheless, even as many manufacturing companies decide they cannot afford to stay in Germany, Leica has decided it cannot afford to leave. Indeed, since 1988, the tradition-minded

camera to a big passionate kiss, or then again like a pistol shot or the couch of a psychoanalyst."

Canada, at the same time increasing sales and profit, in what some people say is proof that German quality is alive and selling well. Although the entire camera economy has suf-

fered a dramatic decline, Leica last year maintained its sales, as planned, at the high level of the year before." Leica said Wednesday. In the year ended March 31, 1992. Leica sold 207 million Deutsche marks (\$126.8 million) worth of cameras, lenses, enlargers, projectors and binoculars, up from 190 million DM in the previous year. The privately held company does not report its profit.

"In some things we enjoy a splendid isolation because we make things you can't get find anywhere else." said Werner Simon, Leica's chairman. Thirty percent of the company's revenue, in fact, still comes from its spartan M-series cameras.

was introduced in 1925. Luxury-conscious buyers, however, can now purchase the top-of-the-line M6 in a leather-and-titanium finish. Other camera makers abandoned the range-

finder system years ago and moved toward plastic camera and leas bodies, but Leica, said Mr. Simon, "continues to serve the needs of purists, and in that sense we don't have any competition." All Leica camera bodies and lenses are made of metal.

Sticking to its philosophy of meticulous craftmanship and durability. Leica has also so far avoided extensive electronic automation and mass production. The only autofocus Leica, for example, is a miniature snapshot camera made under license in Japan.

"We agonized over whether or not to build it, but we did it and it has been successful. People a fully manual, rangefinder-focus system whose know if it has the red dot, it's a Leica, even if it is Company has occur transfer in Portugal and basic concept has not changed since the first Leica made somewhere else," said Mr. Simon, a 40-year

The company is now called Leica Holdings BV, based in the Netherlands and indirectly held by the Swiss investor Stephan Schmidheiny.

As the result of a series of mergers in the late 1980s, Leica Holdings is largely a maker of microscopes and surveying equipment, and it has been trying for several years to spin off the camera operations to concentrate on these areas. But the company said Wednesday it has postponed any action until summer after a planned management buyout failed.

veteran of Leica's parent company, formerly Leitz.

In its January edition, Color Foto. a German photography magazine, called the Leica R7 and R6.2 "the measuring stick" for other cameras after they set records in shutter-speed precision with a measured divergence of just two millionths of a

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U.K. Sends Carrier

Is Killed in Bosnia

"Time is running out," he said. "We will not tolerate any delaying

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen said the

Community would start work im-

mediately on measures for the "to-

tal isolation" of Serbia and Monte-

negotiations was not maintained.

make them understand that by

their unspeakable brutality, they are dooming themselves to total

In Sarajevo, UN officials on

Thursday assembled a convoy for

Zepa, the Bosnian town cut off

from aid since the war began nine

The convoy, which is scheduled

to arrive in Zepa on Friday, was in response to reports of new deaths

in the town and its surroundings, a

Muslim enclave in Serb-held terri-

UN Rejects

Force in

Cambodia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PHNOM PENH - The Austra-

lian who commands the United

Nations peacekeepers in Cambodia

force to gain compliance with terms of the multiparty political

Lieutenant General John Sanderson, head of the UN Transition-

al Authority in Cambodia, said ne-gotiation and diplomacy would still

The workers, both Cambodian

women, were shot and killed Toes-

day night in Siem Reap Province. "It's very serious," General San-

derson said of the wave of political

"Any political harassment that

endangers the neutral political en-

vironment or endangers the confi-

dence of people to participate in

we're attempting to create in Cam-bodia is serious," he said at a news

The UN-brokered peace accords

access throughout Cambodia, he

would not expose his men to dan-

ger by having them enter areas con-

"Clearly," he said, "I am not

going to put people at excessive risk

by pushing into areas where I know

it would likely elicit a certain re-

"The mandate does not include

actually engaging with the forces in Cambodia in combat in order to

In response to a question, General Sanderson said of the Khmer

Rouge: "The only way that faction

- the Party of Democratic Kam-

puchea - can hope to return to

power in Cambodia is through the

In October 1991 all four rival

Cambodian groups signed an

agreement in Paris that formally

ended two decades of political vio-

the deployment of the 22,000-mem-

ber peacekeeping force, but early optimism is lading in the face of

Khmer Rouge instransigence and

(Reuters, AFP)

The accords paved the way for

achieve these things."

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violence sweeping the country.

of two UN election workers.

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(AFP, Reuters, AP)

isolation," he said.

months ago.

By Eugene Robinson

Washington Post Service

the aircraft carrier Ark Royal to the

Adriatic and may send more troops

to Bosnia to protect British forces

there following the death of a Bril-ish soldier on Wednesday, Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said

Mr. Rifkind told the House of

Commons that about 90 specialist

troops would be sent to Bosnia to

supplement the 2,400 there protect-

ing humanitarian aid convoys. An

additional 300 troops will remain

on standby aboard the Ark Royal,

which will be accompanied by two

destroyers and three support ships.

The specialist troops will be available to reinforce British forces

now on the ground, and would aid

He said this did not mean any

in the event an evacuation was required, Mr. Rifkind said.

change in the British role in Bosnia.

The government continues to be-

lieve "it is not appropriate to inter-

vene in what is essentially a civil war," Mr. Rifkind said.

Some members of Parliament ex-

pressed concern that the announce-

ment represented an escalation of

British involvement in the former

Yugoslavia, while others argued that additional forces should be

committed to protect the Bosnian

Muslim population.
On Wednesday, Lance Corporal
Wayne John Edwards, 26, of the

Royal Welch Fusiliers, was killed

by gunfire in central Bosnia. The

killing occurred during a fight be-

tween Croats and Muslims, well

away from Serb forces, which have

attacked British troops in recent

The Ark Royal left Portsmouth

undergo several days of final prep-

enforce the no-flight zone over Bos-

nia. That resolution would give the

Serbs a 30-day deadline to halt

flights over Bosnia.

The European Community, meanwhile, gave the Serbs six days

on Thursday and was expected to ruled out on Thursday the use of

Thursday

I ONDON - Britain will deploy

Delta Air Lines and Swissair have announced a code-sharing agreement

code-sharing program on select trans-Atlantic flights will begin in June. subject to approval by regulatory authorities. Under the agreement, Delta will inaugurate the first daily nonstop service between Cincinnati and

WORLD BRIEFS

After British Soldier Some Arabs Reject Poison Gas Ban PARIS (AP) - The refusal of some Arab states and North Korea to sign a global ban on chemical warfare signaled Thursday that chemical weapons would remain a threat in two of the world's most volatile

By Thursday night, 120 nations had signed, and a few more could join them before the three-day ceremony ends Friday. Sixty-five signatures attending a signing ceremony for a UN chemical weapons accord.

were needed to ratify the pact. Hard-line states such as Syria and Iraq rejected the ban. Libya flirted with signing before missing the appointed hour Thursday. But four Arab states in North Africa — Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco and Algeria broke an Arab League boycott of the treaty and signed Wednesday as the ceramony opened. North Korea, suspected of developing both chemical and nuclear arms, refused to attend the conference.

Honecker Begins His Exile in Chile

negro il progress at the Geneva SANTIAGO (Reuters) — Erich Honecker, the former East German leader whose manslaughter trial in Berlin was ended because he has We are asking the leaders of advanced liver cancer, arrived Thursday to begin exile in Chile, television Serbia and Montenegro to use all their undoubted influence on the Mr. Honecker, 80, walked unaided down the steps of the plane. leaders of the Bosnian Serbs to

embraced his wife and then was taken by bus to an airport lounge where leaders of the Chilean Communist and Socialist parties awaited him. Mr. Honecker was released from a Berlin jail Wednesday after a court noting his illness, ruled that continued imprisonment violated his human rights. He had been held on charges arising from shooting deaths at the

Fire Again Breaks Out at Chernobyl-

KIEV (Reuters) — Fire broke out on Thursday for the second time in under two days at the Chemobyl nuclear station, site of the world's worst nuclear accident, but officials said both incidents were minor and posed

no danger of radiation.

Officials said the second fire occurred in a remote section of a concrete tomb eacasing the fourth reactor - the one that exploded in April 1986, sending radiation over most of Europe. The two reactors still functioning at the station pending its complete shutdown later this year continued producing electricity throughout the incident.

Although both of this week's incidents at the station, 140 kilometers (86 miles) north of Kiev, measured zero on the seven-point international scale of nuclear accidents, they seem certain to undermine Ukraine's

demoralized nuclear industry and inflame hostile public opinion.

2 Asian Leaders Laud U.S. Presence

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — The leaders of Japan and Malaysia called Thursday for continued U.S. military, political and economic presence in Asia, saying it was crucial for regional stability. The call came during talks between Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa of

Japanand Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad. Mr. Miyazawa was halfway through a three-day visit here as part of a four-nation tour of A spokesman for the Japanese delegation, Sadaaki Numata, quoted

Mr. Miyazawa as saying that the U.S. presence was a "very important stabilizing factor in the region." Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia, who was at the talks, said the two leaders felt the U.S. presence should not be seen as an attempt to dominate the region.

Bullying Seen in Japan Boy's Death

TOKYO (Reuters) - The battered body of a 13-year-old boy found hidden in a rolled-up gym mat could be the latest victim of the bullying still widespread in Japanese schools, the police said Thursday.

be used despite widespread politi-cal violence, including the murder "Evidence so far appears to suggest that he was bullied but we have not completed our investigation," said a police spokesman in Shinjo, northern Japan. Teachers and pupils at a Shinjo school searching for Yuhei Kodama found his body Wednesday in a tool shed. It was head down in a rolled mat, with the feet protruding.

An autopsy showed that the boy probably died from suffocation. The body was heavily bruised but doctors decided this did not lead to his death, the spokesman said.

Taiwan Gets Funds for U.S. Jet Deal

TAIPEI (Reuters) — Taiwan's legislature unanimously approved on Thursday the first installment of a \$6 billion budget to buy 150 F-16 jet the political environment that fighters from the United States, legislators said. The legislature adopted a third and final reading of the \$662 million

budget request at a private session. But it also approved resolutions iring the government to negotiate technology transfers in the F-16 deal and future foreign arms purchases, allowing Taiwanese companies to produce parts worth at least 10 percent of the contract. Some legislators in the governing Nationalist Party and the main

opposition Democratic Progressive Party had threatened to try to block the deal unless Washington agreed to transfer some production technology to the island. The legislature did not set a timetable for Taiwan to ask the maker of the F-16, General Dynamics Corp., for technology transfer. General Dynamics agreed last month to sell its fighter division to

General Sanderson said that de-Greece Adamant on Macedonia Issue spite the peace agreement signed by the four main groups guarantee-ing the UN authority freedom of

PARIS (AFP) - Greece maintained its hard-line position on Macedoma on Thursday after Foreign Minister Michalis Papaconstantinon ended talks with the United Nations secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, and Foreign Minister Roland Dumas of France.

"Greece has a position and is not interested in changing it," Mr. Papaconstantinou said. "It can't change it just because others change."

To the irritation of its European Community partners, Athens has been blocking recognition of the former Yugoslav republic, arguing that it has a historic claim to the name "Macedonia," which is also the name of a region in Greece.

TRAVEL UPDATE

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said it was cutting winter large to U.S. destinations an average 100 guilders to stimulate holiday travel. The reductions, subject to government approvals, are for outward flights taken from Jan. 15 to March 31, and return flights before April 9. There taken from Jan. 15 to March 51, and return inguts occur reput are minimum stay restrictions. A round-trip flight to Baltimore, Boston, New York or Philadelphia will now cost 893 guilders (\$490). Chicago and Detroit cost 993 guilders, destinations in Florida 1093, and flights to West coast cities 1193 guilders. (Reuters)

KIM will take over Japan Air Lines' passengers arriving at Amsterdam's airport from Tokyo for ongoing flights to Madrid and Zurich on KLM planes starting in April. The agreement, which includes codesharing or sharing the same flight number, will be signed next week in Japan, KLM said in Amsterdam.

and plans to share facilities in the United States and Switzerland. The

Hope on Sickle Cell Treatment

A Fatty Acid Seems to Stimulate the Blood's Recovery

By Warren E. Leary New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Preliminary tests suggest that a potential treatment for sickle-cell anemia and related blood disorders could attack the underlying cause of the illnesses for the first time, according to re-

In a small group of patients, they said, treatment with a naturally occurring chemical stimulated production of a kind of hemoglobin in the blood that is known to benefit people with sickle-cell disease or beta thalassemia, which are related inherited anemias.

But they said that longer studies with more patients were needed to see whether the treatment produced the expected clinical benefit. Hemoglobin is the protein in red

blood cells that carries oxygen through the bloodstream. With sickle-cell and beta thalassemia, genetic defects result in the produc-tion of abnormal hemoglobin that can lead to dangerous and even

In a pilot study involving six pa-

the body and in certain foods, resulted in a rapid increase in fetal hemoglobin, a type common early in life, the scientists reported in problems. Thursday's issue of The New England Journal of Medicine, The chemical, which is also a

food additive, stimulates a dormant gene responsible for producing fetal hemoglobin, causing a sharp increase in the ratio of fetal hemoglobin to the defective adult variety, said Susan Perrine of Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute in California.

"This is an early trial and we don't want to raise the hopes of patients too soon," said Dr. Perrine, the study's leader, "but I think this has potential to become a definitive treatment of the underlying disease, as opposed to today's palliative treatment of symptoms to support the patient after complica-

Sickle-cell disease is an incurable condition characterized by an abnormal form of hemoglobin that

tients, intravenous infusion of bu-tyrate, a simple fatty acid found in distort into odd shapes and clog blood vessels. These blockages not only lead to pain, but can also damage internal organs and cause other In the United States, the disease

primarily affects blacks, but vanations are seen in people of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and East Indian descent. An estimated 60,000 to 80,000 U.S. blacks have sickie-cell disease. One in 12 blacks carry the genetic trait for the dis-

With beta thalassemia which alflicts 5,000 to 10,000 Americans as well as millions elsewhere, the body's bone marrow produces large quantities of red blood cells that die almost immediately, leav-

ing the patient extremely memic.
Sickle-cell experts said the potential treatment, and another that also affects fetal hemoglobin that appears in a related paper in the journal, may mark the beginning of a new therapeutic era for these discases. Until now, doctors have only been able to treat the life-threatening symptoms of the diseases.

Vuk Draskovic, left, a Serbian opposition leader, having his palm read Thursday during an Othodox New Year celebration in Belgrade.

Soviets Copied First A-Bomb From U.S.

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service

MOSCOW - The first Soviet atomic bomb, whose explosion in August 1949 formally launched the Cold War arms race, was a copy of the first American atomic bomb, built from plans supplied by at least one spy, according to the Russian who built that

The scientist, Yuli B. Khariton, said that Soviet scientists were well on their way to making their own bomb when the America detonated a bomb in 1945 and proceeded to

use them on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Soon after. Soviet scientists received the full plans for the U.S. bomb. Mr. Khariton credited Klaus Fuchs, a young German physicist who passed secrets to the Soviets. But he did not rule out that other spies, including a scientist that the KGB has so far identified only as "Perseus," might also have been

In any case, Stalin's pressure for results and the fear of what an unsuccessful test firing would mean in an era when failure often meant execution --- prompted the scientists to go ahead with a model that had already been tested, Mr. Khariton said.

By Michael Ross

Los Angeles Times Service

ist groups as fronts, to funnel aid to

anti-Communist Laotian rebels in

tice Department to do is to tell us if

what we are dealing with here is the 'Son of Ollie North,' " said Senator

Charles E. Grassley, Republican of

By Eugene Robinson

Washington Post Service LONDON — The British gov-

ernment announced Thursday that

it would propose new privacy laws

to restrain the press, but would not

seek to establish a statutory tribu-

nal to pass judgment on excesses

Peter Brooke, the secretary of

state for national heritage, told the

House of Commons that the gov-

ernment wanted new criminal and

civil penalties to punish invasion of

Mr. Brooke said the government

would seek laws making it a crimi-

nal offense to obtain personal in-

formation for publication through

physical intrusion and covert sur-

veillance." This is almost certain to

include physical trespassing, long-

lens photography of people on pri-

vate property and electronic eaves-

He said the government also

wanted to make infringement of

privacy a civil offense, with ag-grieved parties able to seek dam-

and impose lines.

"What we basically want the Jus-

"By 1951 we detonated our own version, which was twice as powerful and much lighter than the American bomb," said Mr. Khariton, 88, a participant in the Soviet atomic bomb program from its inception. "We never abandoned our own work, but Fuchs enabled

us to detonate a bomb two years earlier." Mr. Khariton is an honored veteran of the Soviet nuclear program who still lives in Ar-zamas-16, the isolated former monastery in central Russia where the secret Soviet nuclear research center was founded after World War

He and a younger colleague, Yuri N. Smirnov, offered some recollections in an address in Moscow at the Kurchatov Institute, Rus-

sia's premier nuclear research center. Mr. Khariton is adamant that Soviet intelligence had no part in the development of the Soviet hydrogen bomb. The Soviet scientists got some of the initial calculations made by Edward Teller, who was instrumental in developing the U.S. hydrogen bomb, but these proved to be erroneous, Mr. Khariton said.

The hydrogen bomb the Soviets exploded on Oct. 12, 1953 — the first such bomb to be detonated — was the work of Andrei D.

ing critic of the Soviet state and now, three years after his death, is held in reverence among Russians.

Mr. Khariton and Mr. Smirnov made no mention in their articles or conversation of any of the celebrated atomic spies other than Mr. Fuchs, a young German physicist and Communist who moved to England in the 1930s and began cooperating voluntarily with the Soviets in 1941 out of indignation that the Western powers were not sharing their weapons research with their Soviet allies.

From 1943 to 1946, Mr. Fuchs worked on the Manhattan Project, the U.S. atomicbomb project. He was arrested in England in 1950 and sentenced to 14 years in prison. Released after nine years, he spent his last years in East Germany and died in 1988.

The other legendary suspects in the atom race were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed by the United States in 1953. The Rosenbergs insisted to the end that they

But recently declassified U.S. government files indicate that the couple transmitted important atomic secrets to the Soviets.

arations following a major over-haul before deployment in the Senators Ask if Reagan Funneled Aid to Laotians

end of the Vietnam War.

■ Ultimatum From EC The funds were funneled was no proof that U.S. POWs were The British decision to send the through a POW-MIA group in Cal- left behind in Southeast Asia at the carrier came as the UN Security Council deliberated a resolution to

Evidence of the operation was clearly the most startling conclu-sion in the report, which details the investigation into the fates of the 2.226 servicemen still listed as missing from the Vietnam War.

The final report differed only marginally from an earlier version that concluded that there was "no compelling evidence" to prove that captivity in Vietnam or Laos after

to accept a peace plan to end the fighting or face additional punitive measures by the United Nations. Foreign Minister Uffe Elleany of the missing were kept in president, issued the ultimatum af-

mann-Jensen of Denmark, the EC ter a midnight meeting of the 12 EC ministers in Paris, where they were

are at risk because of continuing armed opposition from the Khmer Rouge and increasing violence against politicians Over the past month, at least 14 nembers and officials of the Cambodian royalist party have been

LONDON - Millions of newspaper readers from Manila to Amsterdam can revel in what appears to be Prince Charles's intimate conversation with a married woman, but most of the British press has censored itself by refusing to print the full transcript.

ly cautious mood, because Thursday was the day of publication of a report proposing tough government curbs on the press to protect people's privacy.

In the conversation, parts of which were printed in British tabloids last year, the man tells the woman he would like to live inside her trousers and makes other indelicate remarks. There are repeated

mutual professions of love. Many editors decided the time was not right to publish the tape in its sexually explicit entirety. Others were worried that the purported bedtime chat between the prince and Camilla Parker Bowles might

"I have read the transcript and will not be publishing it," said Martin Dunn, editor of the tabloid Today. "The climate is not right."

Brian Hitchen of the Daily Star said he found the tape offensive. "I have no intention of inflicting this on our readers," he said. One of two British newspapers to run the full text was the Daily Sport, a tabloid that specializes in pictures of bare-breasted women.

Irish papers are also printing the text, which first appeared in Australia's New Idea magazine. But while the Irish Independent, the Irish Times and the Irish Press are available in Britain, they have a combined circulation of only about 6,000 on this side of the water.

normally salacious British tabloids for their unaccustomed reticence in not publishing the full tape, highlighting the damage it had done to the embattled royal family.

"It is wholly conceivable that none of Britain's papers printed the transcript in full yesterday because none wanted to be remembered as the paper that delivered the most damning blow yet to the monarchy," Mr. Conalty said.

reproducing either the full text or the juiciest extracts under headlines speculating about whether the monarchy can survive.

Sera said: "The British monarchy is slowly sinking in a sea of mud." In France, Le Figaro was stunned that Prince Charles, who has hitherto enjoyed a reputation as a cultured man, should express himself so lewdly.

forget-me-nots, defends camembert and paints delicate watercolors in Tuscany," it said. "One of Genghis Khan's roughneck soldiers would express himself more elegantly."

WASHINGTON — A Senate The operation, presumably in-tended to destabilize the Commucommittee has unanimously agreed channels, including the Bank of Credit and Commerce Internationto ask the Justice Department to open a criminal investigation into allegations that the White House nist government of Laos, was fial (BCCI) and financial institutions in Europe and the Middle East, under Ronald Reagan ran a covert operation, using POW-MIA activ-

prepared by Sir David Calcutt, a mission "is not satisfactory," Mr. lawyer and academic who reviewed Brooke said.

Brooke said.

nanced in part by private donors who later formed the nucleus of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North's secret Iran-contra fund-raising network, according to Senate investigators and documents obtained by the Los Angeles Times. Donors were told their contributions were for a White House-backed effort to search for servicemen listed as

lect Committee on POW/MIA Af-

But Government Rejects Proposal for a Special Tribunal

the current system of press self-

The lively, combative British

press recently has been at the cen-

ter of a series of high-profile scan-

dals, involving the personal lives of

members of the royal family and

Newspaper editors have charged

that the Calcutt study was an at-

tempt by Britain's establishment to

close ranks and punish the press for

But Mr. Brooke said the pro-

posed laws would be aimed at pro-

tecting ordinary citizens. He added

that the government would favor

provisions allowing reporters to use

extraordinary means when there

A senior aide to Prime Minister

John Major said this week that the

government recognized that public

igures should be exposed to great-

er scrutiny. But he said the govern-

ment did not contemplate formally

establishing a "public figure" cate-gory with different rules.

The current system of voluntary

was a clear public interest.

other prominent British figures.

regulation and found it wanting.

ifornia and a variety of overseas according to banking records obtained by the Senate investigators.

Some details of the operation, which could have been a precursor to the White House-run covert Iran-contra scandal, were contained in a long-awaited report issued Wednesday by the committee. The report, following a yearlong investigation, concluded that there

"It is not truly independent and

But he said the government

-could not support the Calcutt re-

port's recommendation of a statu-

tory tribunal that could review

complaints, impose fines and order

the publication of apologies, cor-

be "a step of some constitutional significance," Mr. Brooke said, and

would depart "from the traditional

approach to press regulation" in

Mr. Brooke did not spell out the

government's stand on the issue of

prior restraint. The Calcutt study

suggested that the courts be em-

powered to block publication of

material obtained through elec-tronic or physical "intrusion."

The proposals appear to be aimed primarily at the tabloid

Mr. Brooke's predecessor, David

Mellor, warned the press last year to halt what officials call "ex-

cesses," saying that it was "drink-

ing in the Last Chance Saloon' before facing new laws.

Mr. Mellor was later forced to

esign after the tabloids revealed

Spy Suspect Kills Self

In South Korean Jail

Seoul prosecutors' office said.

A spokesman said Kwon Du

Young, 64, an adviser for a minority political party, was arrested in August when South Korea said it

had cracked a North Korean spy

ring. The motive for his suicide was

still under investigation, the

charged with having visited North Korea twice in 1990 and 1992, was

awaiting a court hearing.

his affair with an actress.

Establishing such a body would

its procedures are deficient," he

said of the commission.

rections and replies.

Britain to Seek Curbs on Media | Prurient U.K. Press Turns Prudish Over Telephone Transcript

It was no coincidence that British newspapers were in an unusual-

Another tabloid. The Sun, ingeniously justified its decision not to carry the transcript by saying it wanted to show the country what it would be like if the government brought in its "half-baked" law to

The Irish Times columnist Donal Conalty was ready to excuse the

Abroad, newspapers were in no mood to spare the royal blushes,

The Rome daily L'Indipendente gave a full page to the transcript and referred to "Charles, the Pomo Prince," while Corriere della

"It is difficult to imagine that this is the same man who talks to

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The proposals were spelled out self-regulation through a panel in a report released Thursday and called the Press Complaints Com-

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China's Hands-Off Warning to Christopher

BEIJING - China on Thursday warned President-elect Bill Clinton's nominee for secretary of state, Warren M. Christopher, not to interfere in Chinese affairs by supporting pro-democracy forces in

"I think it's quite natural that the business of the United States should be addressed by the American people and the business of China should be handled by the Chinese people," said a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Wu Jianmin.

He was responding to a report in which Mr. Christopher was quoted as saying that the Clinton administration's policy would be "to seek to facilitate a peaceful evolution of China from communism to democracy by encouraging the forces of economic and political

The spokesman said China was willing to improve and develop relations with the United States on the basis of past communiques signed by the two countries, which he said had set down the principle of "noninterference in each other's internal affairs and mutual

The Chinese leadership is concerned that Mr. Clinton will move U.S. policy away from the "policy of constructive engagement" pursued by President George Bush.

Delay Likely in Embassy Housecleaning

WASHINGTON - Fear and loathing on the job-search front has gone international - from Mexico to Mongolia.

The State Department, shortly after the election, sent word to Washington's 162 ambassadors to submit their resignations effective Jan. 19. Unless told otherwise, the ambassadors should be prepared to leave their embassies by March 1. For the 127 career officers serving as envoys, that means they

could lose their posts — but not their jobs in the department. Most likely, however, they will follow tradition and fill out their terms in their present posts. The 35 noncareer people are almost certainly out

But one source said there had "been exceptions made and approved by the transition team" for political appointees "with critical programs and policies that can't be left dangling waiting for the new team." The source said the process was done "on a case-by-case" Although all ambassadors may feel that their work is "critical," what is likely to save many of them is the reality that the Clinton people cannot fill all the jobs fast enough. Most administrations do

not clean house immediately for that reason.

Quote-Unquote:

President-elect Clinton: "Let me just say this: Judge me by my performance. I said I would give the most diverse cabinet in history. and we have one - we have an excellent cabinet. I think they're sailing through on confirmation, by and large, doing very well. I said I would impose ethics standards on my cabinet secretaries, higher than anybody else, and I'm going to do that. I said I would present a bill to the Congress. I'd have a growth package. I'd have a deficitreduction package that was rigorous and real. I would have ethics legislation and political reform. I'd do national service. And watch, I'm going to try to do those things. I've got to get the Congress to go along, but I think we can."



H. Ross Parrot, a puppet on the U.S. children's TV program "Sesame Street," urging young viewers to recite the alphabet. "It's your alphabet," the puppet said. "I just work for you."

Away From Politics

A former prep school teacher received a five-year prison term without parole for possession and distribution of child pornography.
 Larry Lane Bateman, 51, who taught at Phillips Exeter Academy, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Concord, New Hampshire.

• The governor of Hawaii ordered the American flag removed from state buildings to mark the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of Hawaii's last queen. Barring the flag until Monday is "an appropriate reminder" of U.S. involvement in the ouster of Queen Liliuokalatic 1902 John Weiber & Democrat said at the America of a first ni in 1893, John Waihee, a Democrat, said at the opening of a fiveday commemoration.

day commemoration.

• Douglas LaChance, president of the newspaper deliverers' union in New York City, has held secret partnerships in nonunion delivery companies, has enriched himself through strong-arm tactics against newspapers and competing companies, and has undercut his own union, prosecutors charged in amouncing a grand jury indictment union, prosecutors charged in amouncing a grand jury indictment. Facing a possible return to prison for a parole violation, Mr. LaChance, along with four other people and two companies, is charged with criminal conspiracy, restraint of trade and extortion. The California Coastal Commission approved an oil-industry plan to use tankers for three years along the environmentally sensitive coastline north of Los Angeles. It is the latest chapter in a 10-year.

struggle among oil producers, environmentalists and government officials over one of the nation's richest oil fields. • Operators of Biosphere 2, which billed itself as a self-sustaining ecosystem, pumped oxygen into the sealed environment to make up for losses that have left its inhabitants fatigued. Managers said the

intervention will not barm the scientific validity of the project, in which eight people set out to live for two years growing their own food and recycling air, water and wastes inside a three-acre (1.2-hectare) glass-and-steel dome in Arizona. The experiment began in

• Astronauts aboard Endeavour accomplished the space shuttle mission's main goal, releasing a \$200 million communications satellite, six hours after liftoff. The crew began more than two dozen biologi-



AN ISSUE THAT WON'T GO AWAY — A Vietnam veteran talking with a relative of an American missing in action in Vietnam, at a booth below stands for a preinaugural concert in Washington. Those giving information on MIAs refused to move the booth, so the stands were erected around it.

The 'Big Things' Never Included His Tax-Cut Vow, Clinton Now Says

By Paul F. Horvitz

International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — Seeking to explain why he is backtracking on a campaign promise to cut taxes for the middle class, President-elect Bill Clinton said Thursday that the plan was never a major theme in his race for the White House.

Mr. Clinton, speaking at a news conference a day after saying he would have to "revisit" his tax-cut plan, said Americans voted for him because of the "big things" he wanted to do.

The middle-class tax cut, he said, was not among them.

He said he was "absolutely mystified" that the news media had perceived it as a major pledge. In interviews Wednesday, Mr. Clinton said that, because of worsening deficit projections, "I have to put everything back on the table."

Mr. Clinton spoke throughout the campaign of the need to redress declining middle-class incomes during the 1980s. He proposed a Eli Segal, a Boston businessman tax cut for the middle class nearly a who had run the Clinton camyear ago, in New Hampshire, and repeated the pledge frequently. But in the weeks since his elec-tion, two things have changed. The gram to give youth volunteers com-munity service roles.

next five years has grown about \$60 billion. Also, the new team of Clinton economic advisers has apparently made new calculations and concluded that the tax cut idea is not tenable if Mr. Clinton wants to reduce the deficit and also move ahead with an "investment" program to revive the economy.

government's estimate of growth of

the federal budget deficit over the

Growing deficit estimates require a president to shift gears, he said, adding: "I think that it would be irresponsible for any president of the United States ever not to House communications director. respond to changing circumstances."

Meanwhile, Mr. Clinton and his chief of staff, Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, announced the appointment of a White House staff that draws heavily from the Clinton campaign operation. For chief domestic policy advis-

er, Mr. Clinton picked his longtime top aide in Arkansas, Carol Rasco. paign's Little Rock headquarters, will direct a "national service" pro-

federal prosecutor. Mark Gearan, deputy director of Mr. Clinton's transition, will be deputy chief of staff. Bruce Lindsey, a close Clinton friend who traveled with the gover-

The White House counsel will be

Bernard W. Nussbaum, a New

York corporate lawver and former

nor throughout the campaign, will be White House personnel director. George Stephanopoulos, a for-

mer aide to Representative Richard A. Gephardt and a key campaign aide to Mr. Clinton, will be White Dee Dee Myers, the campaign

press secretary and former press aide to Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, was named White House press secretary. Mr. Clinton named his campaign

manager, David Wilhelm, as chairman of the Democratic Party, succeeding Ronald H. Brown, who becomes commerce secretary.

Clinton and Dollar:Free Ride Analysts See Assured Gains in 100 Days

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Forget about looking back to see how the dollar performed in the first 100 days of other newly installed U.S. presidents. And don't bother trying to anticipate the impact on the exchange rate from any policy initiatives by Bill Clinton. The dollar is on a one-way street headed higher be-tween now and April 30, the experts say.

The street it is on is called the Dynamics of the Business Cycle and the speed of the advance, analysts agree, depends as much on how fast German interest rates decline, and how weak the Japanese ven gets before starting to recover, as it does on what happens in the United States.

The historical perspective, in any event, is sparse. Mr. Clinton's first 100 days will be only the fourth since generalized floating of exchange rates began 20 years ago, on March 19, 1973.

But for participants in the Trib Competition. who are asked to predict the president's standing in the first Louis Harris poll after Mr. Clinton's first 100 days in office, as well as the level of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index, the Dow Jones industrial average and the value of the dollar against either the Deutsche mark or the ven on April 30, here is the historical record:

Under the only other Democratic president in the 20-year period, Jimmy Carter, the dollar fell nearly 5 percent against the yen and was virtually unchanged against the mark. The dollar fared better under the Republicans. Ronald Reagan and George Bush, each time rising 7 percent against the ven and 10 and 5.6 percent, respectively, against

But analysts aren't wasting time looking back. For them, what's happening in the economy — recovery in the United States and slowdown in Germany and Japan — is overwhelmingly favorable for the dollar.

The odds are so skewed that Albert Wojnilower, who advises First Boston Asset Management in New York, goes so far as to insist that whatever policy President Clinton adopts, the effect on the dollar will be positive. "That's part of the honeymoon," he says, add-

ing: "If the president adopts an expansionary fiscal action, the reaction is likely to be this means a stronger U.S. economy and higher interest rates, and interpreted favorably for the dollar. If the president's program is seen as fiscally moderate and pointing to a reduction in the budget deficit, this also will be interpreted as favorable to the

Mr. Wojnilower dismisses the possible impact of

Mr. Clinton's policy statements during the first 100 days because they are not "likely to result in important actual economic consequences" during

that period. "What matters is how the U.S. economy performs and what is happening to interest rates. But uncertainty about the economic outlook immediately ahead causes analysts to pause about

putting a specific level on the dollar by the end of Since Election Day on Nov. 3, the dollar has advanced 31: percent against the mark and 21. percent against the yen — more of a gain than analysts see likely between Mr. Clinton's maugura-

tion on Jan. 20 and April 30. "There is a risk U.S. economic growth could lose momentum," warns David Hale, Chicago-based analyst for Kemper Financial Services. The concern of Mr. Wojnilower and Mr. Hale, as well as of John Lipsky at Salomon Brothers in New York, is that U.S. consumers have "overspent" in the run-up to Christmas and are likely to be more re-

strained in the weeks ahead. They see this resulting from the reduction last March in the amount of income tax withheld on weekly wages. Mr. Wojnilower estimates that this year's income-tax refunds, concentrated in the period February to May, could be more than 30 percent below the level of a year ago.

Mr. Lipsky insists that "at the same time you have got to look at events abroad. I am convinced we will see the beginning of a significant reduction in short-term European interest rates led by the Bundesbank, and I expect the market will remain skeptical of Japanese economic growth for some

"The bottom line to all this: It's a better bet we will see a somewhat stronger dollar in the next 100

Mr. Lipsky sees the dollar possibly testing 1.70 DM. Mr. Hale sees 1.70 DM "easily and would not rule out" pushing toward 1.80 DM. Mathew Brum-sen at Goldman Sachs in London expects only a modest increase to 1.65 DM and a test of the 1.70 DM level by mid-year.

The yen is a trickier forecast. The analysts see it weakish during the first quarter. Mr. Hale sees it possibly trading at 130 to the dollar, Mr. Lipsky at perhaps 127 while Goldman Sachs sees little change at 125.

This is the third of four articles intended to help readers prepare their entries in the Trib Competition. Others appeared Jan. 4 and Jan. 8 and the last one — concerning the Trib Index — will appear before the competition deadline, Jan. 19.

Popularity on Rise, but Skepticism Is High

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - President-elect Bill Clinton enters his inaugural week with a wave of public support but also considerable skepticism about his willingness to stick to his campaign promises or his ability to accomplish his goals, according to a survey released Thursday.

Mr. Clinton's public image has grown more favorable since the election and now stands at 71

percent favorable, 20 percent unfavorable — the highest rating for a president-elect in 30 years of inaugural-month polls.

Asked if they approve of the way he has handled his transition, 84 percent of the voters said yes, with only 8 percent saying no. By contrast, four years ago only 57 percent of voters surveyed said they approved of President-elect Bush's handling of the transition, while 39 percent disapproved.

Justice Dept. Nominee Employed Illegal Aliens

By David Johnston New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Zoë Baird, President-elect Bill Clinton's nominee to be attorney general, em-ployed two Peruvians living illegally in the United States as her baby sitter and part-time driver for nearly two years, according to govern-ment and Clinton transition offi-

ple began working for Ms. Baird in the summer of 1990, when she was about to take a job at Aetna Life and Casualty in Hartford, Con-necticut. The husband is opped working for Ms. Baird in March. but the wife continued to help care for her 3-year-old son until she left or was dismissed shortly after Mr. Clinton's election in November.

The transition officials also said Ms. Baird and her husband had not paid the employees' Social Security taxes as required until they sent in a lump sum this month, following Ms. Baird's nomination.

The hiring of the Peruvians, an issue that has become a subject of an FBI inquiry, is potentially embarrassing for the country's prospective top law enforcement officer, who as attorney general would at the hearings. supervise the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The immigration service, which

has struggled to curtail the tide of illegal workers in the United States, is responsible for enforcing a 1986 law that makes it illegal to knowingly hire an illegal alien. Employers, no matter how few people they hire, are required to verify their workers' citizenship status. Individual homeowners are liable for

civil penalties, including fines of up \$3,000 for each violation. In practice, the immigration service almost never prosecutes cases against people who employ illegal aliens in their homes.

Clinton transition officials said Ms. Baird believed she was acting legally when she hired the Peruvian couple because she was sponsoring the woman's application for citizenship. But immigration lawyers Transition officials said the cou- said applicants for citizenship could not be legally employed until receiving a visa and work permit.

which the Peruvians did not have. Ms. Baird volunteered informa-tion about the jobs held by the couple to Mr. Clinton before she was named and to the FBI in her background questionnaire. She also has discussed it with Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Orrin G. Hatch, Republican of Utah, a senior member of the panel, which is scheduled to hold hear-

ings on her nomination next week. Mr. Biden said that Ms. Baird volunteered information about the issue on two occasions, first when she met with him on Jan. 5 and again this week when they met to discuss questions likely to be raised

Mr. Biden said the discussions had led him to conclude that barring an FBI report to the contrary. "this is not a deal-breaker, this is not anything that should keep her from being attorney general."



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WASHINGTON - Despite repeated threats of broad retaliation by Washington, the air strike against Iraq was intended to send the political signal that Washington and its allies were determined to enforce the restrictions imposed on Baghdad at the end of the Gulf

Immediately after the strike, the White House said the raid demonstrated that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq could not flout the restrictions, which were imposed by the allies and the United Na-

But the attack had more in common with the philosophy of gradual escalation in the Vietnam War than the day-and-night blitz of the Gulf War, when U.S. Air Force F-117 Stealth fighter planes and Navy Tomahawk cruise missiles

brought the war to the Iraqi capital. As in Vietnam, the United States struck, ordered a pause in the bombing to evaluate the response, and suggested it would expand the attack if Baghdad did not get the

said their measured action was proportional to the Iraqi violations and that their aim was to induce Iraq to comply with the restrictions, not to topple Mr. Saddam. But after months of growing tension between Baghdad and Washington, including calls by President

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George Bush for the Iraqi people to overthrow Mr. Saddam, the main question was which message would get through.

The initial Iraqi response was primarily tactical - yielding enough to avoid the full force of the allies' military power while con-tinuing to challenge the legitimacy of restrictions imposed on Iraqi sovereignty.

Just before the announcement of the attack, Nizar Hamdoon, the Iraqi representative to the United Nations, told the president of the Security Council that Baghdad would drop its opposition to allowing UN inspectors to fly UN air-

Bush administration officials weapons caches in territory the electrical power grid, oil refineries, United Nations has awarded to television and radio installations, Kuwait. This met two of the United telephone exchanges, chemicalweapons bunkers, sites for develop-Nations' demands. But he said nothing about re- ing weapons of mass destruction, turning the Silkworm anti-ship air-defense system and places cruise missiles and other weapons where Mr. Saddam and his senior

that armed Iraqis had taken in re- aides were thought to be. cent days from the disputed territory. And while Washington has Iraq and the United States that made it clear that it is prepared to have arisen since the Gulf War, it use further force, it seemed unlikely that Wednesday's raid would end what the Pentagon has called an Iraqi pattern of "cheat and retreat" in violating the restrictions.

Thus the Bush administration's worries over Iraq's threats to its Kurdish and Shiite populations, Baghdad's efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction and Mr. Saddam's push to break loose from UN constraints will be passed onto the Clinton administration.

The raid on Wednesday could not have been more different than the air campaign that Washington and its allies launched two years ago after Baghdad refused to withdraw its forces from Kuwait.

Then, a huge air fleet attacked craft and would no longer raid the Iraq's military command centers,

In the confrontations between was clear that Washington was not contemplating action on anything like those dimensions. Still, U.S. officials suggested they were prepared to undertake punishing bombing raids, more extensive than Wednesday's strike, to compel In July 1992, when Washington

Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk attaching a 1,000-pound bomb to an F/A-18 Hornet attack fighter prior to the raid.

Americans View the Raid as Routine

New York Times Service

seen as more of a pest than a threat. "There's no sense getting excited about this," said Paul Simmons, a Colorado University student who turned off the news in favor of a

that we can handle this character." The raid drew quick, overwhelming support, even among those who were not sure what precisely had transpired, but the news scarcely

Mueller, a Houston barber, recalling the anxiety attending the attack

annovance than fear.

about the president's motives, suggesting that he only wanted to flex

his muscle one last time. Others said the action had relieved President-elect Bill Clinton

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States said contained records of

Iraq's weapons program, the White House threatened force. Iraqi offi-

cials dismissed the threat, saying

they were not afraid of being hit by

one or two bombs. But General

Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, countered

that if an attack were launched, "it

appeared to run counter to General

In recent weeks, Pentagon offi-cials have argued against the limit-ed use of air strikes in Bosnia-Herzegovina to send political signals to the Serbs, saying that such attacks could not be sure of accomplishing

Washington's political goals. If Wednesday's 30-minute raid fails to compel the Iraqis to comply with U.S. demands and broader strikes are needed, the raid will be seen as an unwise departure from

the Pentagon's philosophy. But if it succeeds, the Pentagon will have done more than punish Iraq. It will have opened the door Thursday, Agence France-Presse to the use of limited force in other

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a day earlier. "It's not over," said Captain James I. Maslowski, the skipper. "We will maintain our

He said further attacks were possible if reconnaissance fights Thursday determined that the radar and missile sites targeted in Wednesday night's raids were not completely

disabled. The carrier launched 63 aircraft Thursday, about half of them flying over southern Iraq. Captain Maslowski said that if the sites remain inactive, "I would say we have accom-plished the mission." Pilots flying missions Thursday seemed relaxed, but some expected Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, to try to

fight back. "We are waiting and ready for any kind of retaliation from Mr. Hussein," said Commander Bob King, leader of an F-14 squad-

"I think today he might try and overwhelm one of our smaller combat air patrols out there," Commander King said. After delivering their bombs and rockets

Wednesday night, the pilots were beaming.
"It was like a big laser light show," said
Commander Kevin Thomas, who commands an F/A-18 Hornet squadron. Pilots spoke excitedly of the colorful explo-

sion patterns, the orange spray of harmless anti-aircraft fire as bombs and missiles hit their targets - radar stations at Tallil Air Base near An Nasiriya and at An Najaf, Samawa and Amara. They brought back videotape from the

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planes that showed eruptions of black smoke "Beautiful, beautiful, a lot of flashes from the triple-A." said Lieutenant Commander Michael Shea, pilot of an A-6 Prowler, which

is military shorthand for anti-aircraft artil-

The pilots said they made two passes over their targets to make sure they hit the right

"His radar don't exist here anymore," said! Captain Michael J. McCamish, who commands all aircraft on the carrier. "They've: been turned from pieces of machinery to-small pieces of metal."

At least four surface-to-air missiles were fired at the U.S. planes. But the Iragis did not use radar to target the missiles. Commander Thomas said they fired the missiles at random in hopes of getting the

pilots to dive and run into flak. Some planes fired high-speed anti-radiation missiles, which home in on radar beacons emitted from the ground. They are supposed to destroy the beacons with their

warbeads None of the pilots took hits during their missions Wednesday, said Rear Admiral specializes in electronic jamming, "My adrenaline was flowing," he added. Triple-A Philip J. Coady, commander of the 10-ship

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Troops To Stay in Somalia

U.S. Envoy Vous 'Large Presence'

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The United States will keep a "very large presence" in Somalia after

handing over the military command to a UN peacekeeping force, a senior U.S. official said Thurs-

Robert B. Oakley, the U.S. special envoy to Somalia, said his country, which now has more than military personnel involved 23,000 military personnel involved in Operation Restore Hope, would not cut and run.

"I want to reassure you that the United States did not come to give you an opportunity only to leave and see that opportunity disap-pear," he told a Somali women's

group.
"When the United States turns over our leadership to some other military commander, we will retain a very large presence here so that nothing changes on the ground." he added.

Somali gunmen killed a Marine on Tuesday night and wounded a U.S. Navy medic on Wednesday. Marines killed a gunman on

fighter prior to the rail

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Wednesday.
The U.S.-led task force, now almost 34,000 strong, landed in Mog-adishu on Dec. 9 to prevent clan gangs from looting food meant for the hungry and to restore enough order to enable a new UN peacekeeping force to step in.

Mr. Oakley said refugees were already starting to return to Baidoa, once known as Somalia's City of Death, and the nearby area, where the Marines deployed three weeks ago.

About 900 Australian troops, who began landing in Mogadishu on Thursday, will take over security from the Marines in Baidoa next week. Canadian, Belgian and French troops have already taken charge in some towns.

Leaders of 15 Somali factions have spent 10 days in Addis Ababa but have yet to agree on who should attend a UN-sponsored conference on March 15.





For Now, Clinton Will Return Haitians

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposition LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Reversing an earlier pledge, Presi-dent-elect Bill Clinton said that Thursday he would continue the Bush administration's policy of forcibly returning Haitian refugees to avoid "the human tragedy of a boat exodus."

Those who leave Haiti by boat for the United States will be intercepted and returned to Haiti by the U.S. Coast Guard," Mr. Clinton said in a taped broadcast to Haiti. He said he would continue the existing policy of forcible returns for the time being," but also promised other measures to make

legal immigration to the United States "easier and safer" for Hai-"Restoring democratic govern-ment is the best hope for the people of Haiti, and I want to tell you again I am committed to working toward that goal," Mr. Clinton

Later, at a press conference, Mr. Clinton denied that he was contradicting a campaign promise to lib-eralize U.S. policy toward Haitian

refugees.
"I still believe the policy should

be changed, and we are changing that policy, but I don't think we can do it on a dime on Jan. 20," Mr. Clinton said.

He said he was "profoundly moved" by the desperation of Hai-tians who sail to the United States in flimsy boats, adding, "I do not want to do anything to fuel that danger and perilous journey."
Later, he said, "I will end the
practice when I am fully confident

contribute to a humanitarian trage-In his taped broadcast, Mr. Clinton said he had conferred with Hai-

dragged on since a military coup Sept. 30, 1991. During his election campaign, Mr. Clinton had bouyed the hopes

of Haitians by sharply criticizing President George Bush's policy of ordering the coast guard to pick up Haitians on the high seas and re-turn them to their homeland. I can do so in a way that does not

Mr. Clinton promised them refuge and to consider them for politi-cal asylum until democracy is re-

ti's exiled president, the Reverend stored in Haiti, a pledge that Jean Bertrand Aristide, and expressed full support for UN and make preparations to seek haven in OAS-sponsored negotiations to the United States.

settle a political crisis that has But in his broadcast message on Thursday, Mr. Clinton expressed deep concern about the dangers that Haitians face in sailing in over-

loaded, unseaworthy vessels. "The practice of returning those who flee Haiti by boat will contin-ue for the time being, after I become president," Mr. Clinton said.

"Leaving by boat is not the route

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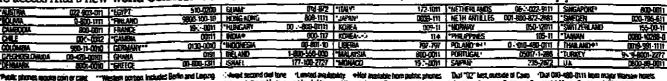


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René Pleven, 92, Dies, A French Leader in '50s

PARIS - Former Prime Minister René Pleven, 92, a key figure in France's turbulent Fourth Repub-

lic, died in Paris on Wednesday. Mr. Pieven was prime minister during the Cold War years of 1950-1952. He fathered the ill-fated Pleven Plan that aimed at rearming West Germany in the framework of a European Defense Community to counter a feared Soviet invasion.

The project, fiercely resisted by the Gaullist and Communist par-ties and finally defeated in parlia-ment, was one of the most explosive political issues of the day since it came only six years after the end of the German occupation of

An independent West German Army was finally created in 1954. A legal expert and prewar com-pany administrator, Mr. Pleven was one of the first volunteers to

join de Gaulle's Free French movement at the fall of France in 1940. Mr. Pleven broke with de Gaulle after the war and became a leader of center-left Christian political parties that shared rule in France until de Gaulle's return to power in 1958 ended the Fourth Republic.

He held numerous key posts in Fourth Republic cabinets includ-ing that of defense minister at the time of the French defeat in Victnam in 1954. His last was that of Justice Minister from 1969 to 1973 under President Georges Pompi-

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PARIS (Reuters) - Jozef Czapski, 96, a painter who was also one of Poland's outstanding intellectuals and one of the few Polish War II, died Tuesday in Paris.

Jozef Czapski, Painter

And Author, Dies at 96

A philosopher, historian and art critic who studied art in Krakow then in Paris, Mr. Czapski was a friend of the late French writers André Malranx and François Mauriac and had privileged access to de

His group of Polish emigres in Paris had an enormous influence on the anti-Communist opposition in Poland.

As an officer in World War II. Mr. Czapski was one of a few dozen Polish army officers who escaped the Katyn massacre by Soviet secret police.

He investigated the fate of the missing officers, and his memoirs on his imprisonment in the Soviet Union were among the first documents on the massacre.

He joined a Polish army created in the Soviet Union after the Ger-man invasion in 1941 and later fought alongside the British in Syr-ia and the Mediterranean.

He returned to Paris after the Communist takeover in Poland and staged exhibitions in France, Switzerland, Britain and Belgium.

"His paintings and criticism, es says on human condition, fascism and Communism, on anti-Semi tism and intolerance belong to the most outstanding achievements of Polish culture this century," said Adam Michnik, a Polish intellectu-

Taiwan and Philippines To Develop Subic Bay

The Associated Press MANILA - Taiwanese and

Philippine officials announced plans Thursday to transform the former U.S.-run Subic Bay Naval Station into an industrial complex.

Tomas Alcantara, the Philippines undersecretary of trade and industry, said agreements would be signed Friday to begin carrying out the plan for the former base, which U.S. forces left in November after nearly a century.

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Serbian leaders or military actions. we have, the people of Iraq would dent-elect Clinton on Wednesday:

And on Somalia he said that be better off if they had a different New York Times Service

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas -Bill Clinton will not rule out renewing the ground war against Iraq if necessary to force compliance with UN resolutions, but he indicates that he is ready for a fresh start

with President Saddam Hussein. The president-elect, in an interview with The New York Times. said that he was not "obsessed" with Mr. Saddam and that he could imagine a normal relationship with the Iraqi leader, provided he behaved in accordance with international norms.

Mr. Clinton said he wanted to use the interview to send the Iraqi leader a signal, which he summa-rized this way: "I am going to judge you by your behavior. I am not going to sit around trying to figure out what is motivating you."

With neither bluster nor apparent anxiety, he repeatedly warned Mr. Saddam not to test him or underestimate him. But he seemed equally comfortable signaling the Iraqi leader that he could have a new relationship with the his administration, if he complied with

While Mr. Clinton has supported President George Bush's policy to-ward Iraq since the election, his statements in the interview were a departure from Mr. Bush's position that Mr. Saddam must go before Iraqi relations with the United States can improve.

The president-elect also said he warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina. But he said that if they did over the long run." not lead to an end to the "ethnic emphasized in powerful terms must

while he never believed the Bush ruler," he said. "But my job is not administration's initial claim that

U.S. forces would be out by Jan. 20,

'I always tell everybody I am a Baptist. I believe in death-bed conversions.

he remained committed to the operation even if it required a continued military presence.

Bill Clinton

Sitting in the living room of the governor's mansion, where the hall-ways were packed with moving boxes, Mr. Clinton said that if the Iraqi leader were on the couch next to him this is what he would want to say to him:

If you want a different relationship with me, you can begin by observing the UN requirements, and change your behavior. I am not obsessed with the man. But I am obsessed with the standards of conduct embodied in those UN accords, and if he were sitting on the couch, I would urge him to change

"You know if he spent half, may-be even a third, of the time worrying about the welfare of his people that he spends worrying about where he positions his SAM missiles and whether he can push the supported the peace talks now tak- boundaries of the cease-fire agreeing place in Geneva between the ment, I think he would be a stronger leader and in lot better shape

Mr. Clinton made it clear that he cleansing" - which he repeatedly did not view Mr. Saddam as the

ideal ruler of Iraq, but that he also stop — then he would be prepared did not see him as a irredeemable

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"I am somewhat hopeful about the peace conference even though [know some of it could just be ma-neuvering," he said. "Even if it is just maneuvering, there is something going on there, and there is a chance, just a chance that it will take on a life of its own and bring

change his behavior."

While he was clearly signaling the Iraqi leader that he was ready

for a fresh start, he stressed with

be making a big mistake if he

viewed the new president as a for-eign policy nail who could be taken

advantage of, because for Mr. Clin-

What is at stake in the Gulf, he

said, is not simply the U.S.-Iraqi relationship but something larger; the credibility of the United Na-

tions in the post-Cold War world. On Somalia, Mr. Clinton said he

was equally comfortable with the

Bush administration's decision to

"The real difficulty in Somalia,"

he said, "was that I never believed

that the administration's optimistic

hope that they could bring our

combat force out by Jan. 20 could

former Yugoslavia, Mr. Clinton

said that he supported the peace

talks organized by the special en-voys Cyrus R. Vance and Lord

Owen, even though some of his

advisers have said privately in re-

cent days that the conference was a

sham that only confirmed Serbia's

takeover of certain areas of Bosnia-

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intervene there.

If the talks collapse, he said, there are some other things we can do if this process breaks down." He added: "There may be some things we can do militarily, short of the introduction of a large ground force, that would change the dynamics. I don't want to rule any of those things out."

to pick their rulers for them. I always tell everybody I am a Baptist. I believe in death-bed conversions. If he wants a different relationship with the United States and the United Nations, all he has to do is Mr. Clinton stressed that he would not "rule out or rule in" any type of relationship between him-self and the Iraqi leader, because the issue here is not personalities, except insofar as that impacts on equal vigor that he would not rule out any type of military action in the future, including re-engaging U.S. ground troops against Iraq. He said that Mr. Saddam would ton the issue is not experience but

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Western carriers from flying to

Baghdad. The new routes are far

placements on Wednesday.

Airlines Are Unaffected

In comparison with the Gulf War two years ago, the latest crisis said that following the Gulf War, in Iraq had little impact on civil new routes were established over aviation because airlines no longer fly over Iraq, industry officials said

In 1991, airlines had to reroute flights around the Horn of Africa or across the southern part of the former Soviet Union to avoid the south of the area where allied aircraft attacked Iraqi missile em-Gulf area on flights between West-

Lesotho Sets Vote for March Agence France-Presse JOHANNESBURG - Lesotho A spokesman for the Interna-tional Air Transport Organization

will hold general elections March 27, according to a national radio broadcast monitored here Thursday. The election will mark the renew routes were established over turn of the state of 1.8 million, which is still subject to a United which is surrounded by South Africa, to civilian rule. It has been ruled by a military council since a coup d'etat in January 1986.

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(Continued from page 1) market changes, officials are pushing at breakneck speed in order to lock it in place, other officials said. "If this first wave is successful, you're at the point of inreversibil-

ity," Mr. Doran said. He noted that free-market policies in all formerly Communist countries test on two pillars: financial stabilization and privatization of state-owned assets. With inflation careening out of control, the value of the ruble falling and the budget deficit widening, Russia cannot be said to have succeeded in

stabilization. As a result, its best hopes right As a result, its best indest indest now rest on bringing socialism to a rapid end—selling off state assets, that is, and thereby spurring both worker-ownership and new entrepreneurship, officials here said. Liberals in President Boris N. Yeltsin's government hope thus to rapidly create a constituency for capi-

"As a first step, you need managers who are answerable to shareholders, who are watching the bot-tom line," Mr. Burke said. "Then vou can work on building these

enterprises up."
The first list of 20 companies to be auctioned off in Volgograd, formerly Stalingrad, was released Thursday. Among them are one of Russia's largest tractor plants, with 27,000 workers; a beer factory with 187 employees, and a construction company with 855.

Under the system adopted by the Russian government, workers and managers have been permitted to acquire large chunks of stock in their plants at nominal cost.

The government will auction off some or all remaining shares, not some or all remaining shares, not for rubles, but for the privatization RAO: vouchers that have been distributed free, one to every Russian man, woman and child. A secondary trade in vouchers already has de-

In theory, Russians anywhere in the country are free to bid for shares in, say, the Serebrykovski Cement Plant Co. in Volgograd. Mr. Vasilyev said the government will set up "voucher auction centers" across the country. Foreign investment also may be sought by

many companies. But the centers, along with many details and provisions of privatization law, have yet to be put in place. Mr. Vasilyev said that other cit-

ies likely to lead the way in large-scale privatization include Moscow, St. Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod and Tomsk. He said the 500 companies represented about one-tenth of the total stock of enterprises likely to be eligible for

■ Rolling Back Controls

The Russian government will roll back a set of price controls that had been criticized as backsliding

MOSCOW: A Leap to Privatize Moscow, quoting Russian news

agencies. The measures, which limited profits on basic products ten from bread to steel, were a mistake the Itar-Tass and Interfax news agencies quoted the first deputy, prime minister, Vladimir F. Sha-

meiko, as saying. Mr. Shumeiko said that trying to control prices by limiting profits will not work in Russia. What the nation really needs, he said, an regulations to prevent practices such as price-fixing.

His comments echoed those of the government's top comounic strategist, Boris Fyodorov, the deputy prime minister. On Wednesday, Mr. Fyodosoid

also criticized Prime Minister Vik-

tor S. Chemomyrdin's decision to impose price controls and said they would not work. The debate reflected the deep

divide between the prime minis a Soviet-era industrialist, and the young liberals in his Cabinet.

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decide which industries would get. for bailouts, the report said.

Mr. Chernomyrdin had de-fended his price control decree, which took effect Jan. I, as an attempt to bring order to Russia's. chaotic, post-Communist economy and cushion consumers from spirating prices during the transition to a free market.

Allied Planes

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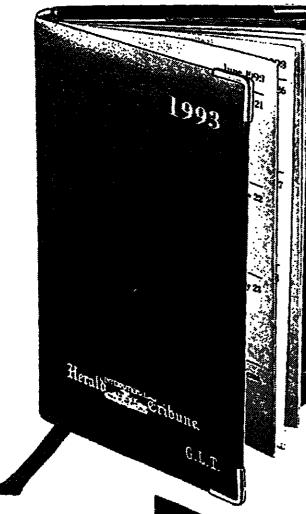
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State-run Iraqi news media said, that in addition to the 19 dead, 15 people were wounded in the raid."
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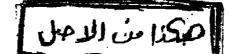
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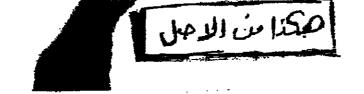
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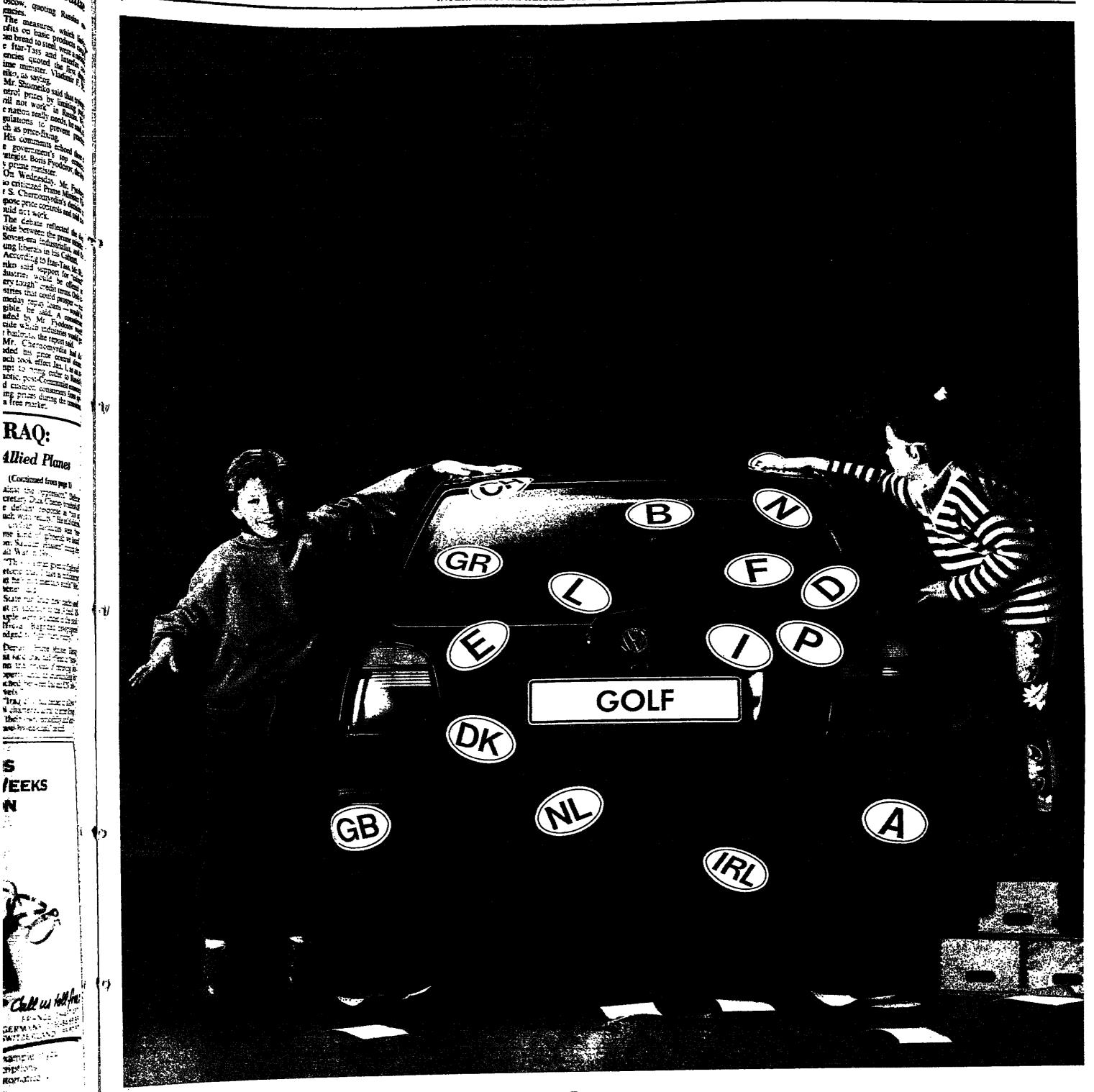
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Saddam Is Thus Punished

A Just, Clean Strike

If ever a rogue regime courted punishment, it is the one led by Saddam Hussein. He has flouted UN cease-fire terms, ignored Security Council ultimatums and played cheat-and-retreat with his coalition adversaries. The carefully targeted air strike Wednesday by 100-odd allied warplanes seems the right penalty: proportional to the offense, and executed with minimal risk to civilians.

President George Bush was right to strike, by all accounts cleanly, at surface-to-air missile sites and related communications facilities that menaced coalition aircraft in southern Iraq's no-flight zone. And he was justified in ordering a U.S. battalion to Kuwait. Its 800 troops are a warning that America will stiffen defenses against further border incursions by Iraqis to grab missiles left behind after Operation Desert Storm.

If Baghdad was probing for a soft spot in the U.S. political system, this punishment was needed to disabuse it. As President-elect Bill Clinton made clear, a change of incumbents at the White House does not mean a change of stance more favorable to Iraq.

At its heart, the problem remains the Iraqi regime's refusal to recognize that it lost a war two years ago, and that compliance with UN terms is not optional but mandatory. Under those terms, Baghdad is obliged to cease tormenting the Kurdish villages it once passed, and to permit access to the Kurdish areas by UN convoys. Iraq has no choice but to permit full inspection of its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs by UN monitors, and the demolition of mass-killing weapoury.

A Unified Response

The attack that American, British and French airplanes conducted against missile and radar sites in southern Iraq does not put an end to Saddam Hussein or keep him from stirring up further trouble. But along with the cantionary posting of an American battalion in Kuwait, the strikes meet the international responsibility to confront his cheating on the relevant United Nations resolutions. These responses preserve unity on that essential requirement among the members of the Gulf War coalition and between the outgoing and incoming administrations in Washington as well.

By his calculated salami-slicing of UN rules over the past few months. Saddam apparently has meant not so much to test George Bush, who requires no further testing in the Gulf, as to taunt him at a moment when he was somewhat hemmed in by his imminent departure from power. Now Baghdad can be expected to explore by a variety of means, military and diplomatic, whether Bill Clinton will similarly maintain alliance consensus and U.S. resolve. The "foursquare" support that Mr. Clinton and his team have offered for Mr. Bush's

That is not merely Mr. Bush's view. It isstrongly seconded by Mr. Clinton, by public

opinion and by America's coalition partners.
Yet Iraq has flouted the United Nations by hampering the movements of its inspectors, disrupted aid operations in Kurdistan and entered Kuwaiti territory after the border was closed. It also sent planes and missile batteries into the southern no-flight zone imposed by coalition allies.

The only solace for Iraq has been China's reluctance to join America, Russia, France and Britain in an airtight condemnation of all Iraqi infractions in the southern zone and along the Kuwaiti frontier. But Baghdad's clumsy, tardy offer to honor UN flight requests and cease border infractions may stiffen the Security Council's resolve.

It is pointless to try to read Saddam Hussein's mind. Whether he is playing to Islamic radicals or simply taking a final poke at George Bush, his confrontation with America and the world will soon be one more problem for Mr. Clinton. The president-elect will then have a chance to refocus policy and avoid his predecessor's error: turning a conflict with an aggressive government into a psychological duel with a pathetic petty tyrant.

To compare Saddam Hussein to Hitler, as Mr. Bush once did, serves to demonize and magnify a lesser threat. America's dispute with Baghdad is not personal but concerns interests and principles. Iraq's transgressions have gone too far. It would be admirable if President-elect Clinton said just that, without once referring to Saddam Hussein by name.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

well for consistency in American policy. Saddam's acts have been carefully chosen to let him play the aggrieved nationalist before an Iraqi public that has neither the political space nor the alternative sources of information to consider other versions of events. Relying on the allies' sense of proportionality, he has kept his provocations below the level that might

handling of the latest sequence bodes

trigger a larger, regime-threatening re-sponse. Within Iraq, meanwhile, he re-mains in command of an immense army and a pervasive police that have so far allowed him to contain whatever pressures have built up as a result of the war, the embargo and resistance to his rule among Kurds, Shiites and others.

In short, the Iraqi leader remains a force to be dealt with. But as Wednesday's events make clear, the UN-sponsored Gulf War coalition remains a force to be dealt with, too. Vigilance and endurance are the qualities the allies require to enforce compliance with the writ of the United Nations to prevent Saddam from threatening other countries and to provide what relief is possible to his repressed people.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Make the Nod to Hanoi

cans missing since the Vietnam War should dispel suspicions of a U.S. government conspiracy or cover-up. Should, but probably won't. Word that Henry Kissinger's lawyer was given a last-minute opportunity to propose cosmetic changes in language criticizing the former secretary of state will damage the report's credibility, even though telling substantive criticisms of Nixon-era officials seem to have survived largely intact.

Mr. Kissinger's intrusive intervention is regrettable. More important public issues than his personal reputation are at stake.

The main reason this committee was established, almost 20 years after America's withdrawal from Vietnam, was that many Americans no longer trusted the executive branch's efforts and assurances on the issue of POWs and MIAs. To its credit, the Bush administration granted the committee unprecedented access to official records. So did the governments of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Sworn public testimony was taken from a number of former high U.S. officials.

The public expected authoritative, if not definitive, conclusions. To a large extent, that is what it got, despite tensions between Republicans who believe some captive Americans may still be alive and Democrats reach, the Senate committee deserves the who believe that the passage of many years thanks of the American people. rules out that possibility. The committee — THE NEW YORK

The thorough Senate committee report majority found no hard evidence to support hard evidence to completely refute them.

The dispute has its roots in the Nixon administration, which publicly declared that no Americans remained in captivity even though there were more than 100 who were last reported to be alive but remain unaccounted for. The committee found that efforts by the Nixon administration and its successors to track down reported sightings of live Americans were not always given suitably high priority. But it found no evidence of a cover-up or official conspiracy.

The committee also reported that Vietnam and the other Indochinese governments were now cooperating in the search for further evidence. Vietnam's failure to cooperate has been an impediment to normal diplomatic and economic relations.

Hanoi must be held to its new commit ments. But Washington can now prudently go ahead on normalization. There is still time for Mr. Bush to act, redeeming the hope he expressed in his inaugural address four years ago that America could at last overcome the tterness and divisions of the Vietnam War.

If Mr. Bush won't act, it will be up to Bill Clinton to close the last chapter of the Vietnam War. For bringing that end within

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

U.S. Errors, Iraqi Errors

Two years ago, the United States began Desert Storm and struck a blow against Iraq. It was logical to assume that peace would

power blinded by its own might. Published accounts clearly indicate that the United States was playing a double game. While criticizing the Baghdad regime, at the same time it was arming Iraq as a counterbalance to Iran. Moreover the United States implied that it was ready to sacrifice Kuwait to Irag's ambitions. At least that was how Baghdad interpreted the discussion between the U.S. ambassador to Iraq and the Iraqi president which took place shortly be-

fore the invasion of Kuwait and which prac-

tically triggered the aggression.

follow. Why, then, is history being repeated?

Because of the diplomatic errors of a super-

That was one of the errors of Washington's diplomacy. The second was that the United States rejected Moscow's help [in mediating the conflict). Washington was worried that Moscow could snatch away the U.S. victory. The third error was disregarding diplomacy in general, since the United States feels that it can solve all problems by force, interfering in the domestic affairs of others, even replacing political regimes. - Pravda (Moscow).

Saddam should have realized long before now that it was time for him to cut his losses by succombing to what he cannot prevent: an international community that is determined to make him pay for his wrongdoings. If the Iraqis want the punishment stopped they have to get rid of Saddam Hussein.

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OPINION

Iraq: Clinton Can Expect Even More Fiendish Choices

N EW YORK — Good. The United States and friends finally rebuked Saddam Hussein in language he seems to comprehend. But Bill Clinton should not expect that the joint air attack - a rather modest one - will end the Iraqi bad man's insults and evasions of United Nations resolutions. Nor will these rare rebukes dissuade Saddam from continuing his cat and mouse games, thus diddling and distracting the new president as he has the outgoing one.

Worse, Saddam may now be ready to go beyond marginal provocations and present Mr. Clinton with a fiendishly tough and intricate choice between another war and "peace."

Saddam's next military challenge might be far more audacious than the mosquito bites he has been taking from President George Bush's hide, but far less threatening than his conquest of Kuwait, Mr. Clinton would have to choose between doing nothing, which would be politi-cally unthinkable, and hitting back with an attack smaller than Desert Storm yet much larger than Wednesday's slap and therefore much harder to orchestrate.

Or, more likely, Saddam could concoct a "peace and disarmament package," pledging

By Leslie H. Gelb

concessions deeper than anything he ever of-fered to Mr. Bush if the United States accepts his authority over all Iraq. Mr. Clinton could resist the bait, but that would anger allies now searching to escape the present box. Or he could bite and negotiate, which would restore Saddam's legitimacy.

Maybe these scenarios give Saddam too much credit. Perhaps he is just a megalomaniacal jerk whose only purpose in violating UN restrictions in recent weeks has been to irritate. his departing nemesis, George Bush - even at the cost of a U.S. retaliatory blow.

Administration experts, however, see domestic political reasons for Saddam's madness. They say he has been tweaking Mr. Bush to show Iraqis he is still the boss and to keep his military busy with external threats. But how does Saddam look strong when the United States bombs his forces with impunity?

Others in the administration say that Saddam knew what was in store for him, but elected to take the punishment anyway to test Bill Clinton's mettle and chip away at UN authority in Iraq. This makes little sense; if he wanted to test Mr. Clinton, why did he provoke George Bush? And as Saddam surely knew. Mr. Bush had to respond with force. Saddam must also appreciate that the Bush action established a benchmark that Mr. Clinton must equal, or

watch his presidency dwindle. All of which suggests that Saddam may be setting the stage for bigger challenges that, paradoxically, could be less risky for him. Two and a half years ago he grabbed all of Kuwait. Perhaps he has learned that had he settled for the northern Kuwaiti officeds, the West might merely have grumbled and looked away.

So next time he might pose a lesser challenge. He could launch a ground attack against the Kurds in the north or the Shiites in the south. Western airpower alone would be unable to stop these attacks. Western ground troops would be needed. And that might prove very difficult to arrange, as Saddam knows.

If force seems 100 risky -as it probably does Saddam could float a sweetened peace proposal. He could accept UN demands to freely inspect and dismantle his weapons of mass de-

struction, and to earmark most braci oil proceeds for war reparations and pledge greater autonomy for Kurds and Shites. In return, he could ask "only" for UN recognition of Baghdad's author-ity over all Iraq. The Clinton team has already

gotten such feelers. Saddam may reckon even now that such war or peace games could prove good gambles. Western will to fight a second major war against Iraq is croding. Not only Bill Clinton, but every other Western leader wants to concentrate on domestic problems. The resistance of Western and Arab leaders 10 a "peace" with Iraq is also waning. Increasingly, they see Iran as the greater future threat and are more willing to contemplate Iraq's reconstruction as a buffer to Iran.

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Whatever Saddam chooses, Mr. Clinton must not permit him to retain the initiative. To avoid the persistent pattern of reacting to Saddam's every whim and challenge, the new president must forge a policy that anticipates and heads off trouble. Compared with Mr. Bush's, it must promise swifter and firmer punishment, a tighter economic embargo and a diplomatic track with imagination.

The New York Times.

UN Indecision Exacts a Heavy Cost

N EW YORK — It is said that the League of Nations failed because the United States did not join and that the United Nations proved disap-pointing because it was paralyzed by the divisions and Security Council vetoes of the Cold War. Once the Cold War ended, it was widely expected that — at last! — the United Nations would fulfill its global role.

But now, after having assumed re-sponsibilities all over the world, UN operations are developing many problems that flow from the very

nature of the organization. Evidence abounds. In Iraq, Saddam Hussein has mocked the United Nations (and the United States) with his repeated violation of the armistice agreements. His open defiance of Security Council ultimatums has threatened to negate the world organiza-tion's (and the Bush administration's) most notable success in using collec-

tive security to oppose aggression.
In Africa, jeers and catcalls, rocks and garbage accompanied Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali during his trips to Somalia and Ethiopia. Shouts and signs and appeals for a U.S. rather than a UN presence made it abundantly clear that local populations were not worried about a foreign presence, and were not concerned about Yankee imperialism. They were denouncing the United Nations.

In Bosnia, UN troops are con-

demned for callous indifference to the suffering for failing to protect and help those whom they are there to protect. UN negotiators are reproached for pursuing a policy of appeasement. Bosnian Muslims frequently charge UN representatives with bias in favor of the Serbs.

By Jeane Kirkpatrick

News that four residents of a home for the aged had frozen to death in a single night a block away from UN headquarters in Sarajevo did not help the UN's reputation. Nor was Cyrus Vance's reputation as an evenhanded, humane mediator helped by word of his personal efforts to prevent U.S. officials from meeting with the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, in

Washington last weekend. washington last weekeling UN failure in Bosnia last week came when Bosnia's deputy prime minister, Hakija Turajlic, was murdered while under UN protection. Riding with French troops in an armored personnel carri-er, he died as many of his fellow Bosnians have died — an unarmed Civilian target of Serbian fire, murdered in full view of UN peacekeepers who watched the bloody events without

even threatening to use force.

"Returning fire," a UN soldier explained, "is not permitted under UN rules of engagement except to save your own life."

How, the French daily Le Monde asked, could Bosnians be expected to disarm - as the Europeans have requested - and put their confidence in a UN so powerless that it could not prevent the murder of a single man under its protection?

Confidence in the UN-sponsored peace negotiations in Geneva is so low, and experience with Serbia's delaying tactics so extensive, that there was no relief when word came that the Bosnian Serb's president had accepted the Vance/Owen proposal providing it was found acceptable by the Bosnian Serb parliament — something that would require several

days to determine.

Many Bosnians, Croatians, Africans and Cambodians have begun to see the UN as part of their problem, rather than as its solution. When Saddam Hussein violated the

no-flight zone, activated anti-aircraft missiles, attacked an American lighter jet, blocked the delivery of humanitar-ian aid, prevented a UN inspection team from completing destruction of poison gas and nuclear weapons, sent troops into Kuwait, and otherwise vio-lated armistice agreements, the UN Security Council equivocated.

Baghdad proposed "a constructive dialogue" to "resolve outstanding

differences" and the Japanese presi-dent of the Security Council expressed his desire to avoid recourse to force. Only outside the Security Council did the United States and a few of its principle allies decide that was time for action. As in his response to Saddam's

Somalia, George Bush's leadership proved crucial. There has been no U.S. leadership on Bosnia, and no effective action. In the absence of leadership, the UN is barely capable of acting. The dash of national goals and strategies

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brings potential action to a standstill. The U.S. government has more than once created an impression that the British, and especially the French, have blocked forceful action on Bosnia But this week, the French promised to act, unilaterally and with force if necessary, to bring relief to Bosnian Muslims in concentration camps. It

general who dragged their feet. The result was a retreat. France agreed that action should be in the frame-work of the United Nations. As in confronting Somalia's famine, urgency evaporated, but misery continues. The Security Council is like a committee and the UN secretariat is like

sus is hard to build. Responsibility for UN action and inaction is so widely shared, so depersonalized that many ordinary moral and social disciplines disappear. Where everyone is responsible, no one is responsible.

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Why did the UN troops down the

ans suddenly provide the stoves, food and evacuation for which residents and families had begged for months? Because until media attention turned on them, they did not feel responsible for what happened.

As always, the larger the group, the more divided the authority, and the less sense of responsibility. It is hard to hold governments responsible. It is even harder to hold international But if the United Nations is to be a

useful instrument for peace, or for anything, ways must be found to hold decision-makers accountable for their decisions - and their indecisions. International Herald Tribune.

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In Shanghai's Busy Shipyards, a Warning About Chinese Might CHANGHAI — China's military guing that China has vital maritime and by some in the United States. By David Shambaugh

cern in the region, is clearly evident here. This city is the home of the Chinese shipbuilding industry and a major port for the navy's eastern fleet. Shanghai's shipyards, long dependent on producing merchant ships, are now deluged with orders from the navy for frigates, subma-rines, destroyers and coastal patrol craft. Reports suggest that a large

drydock is being built for the con-struction of an aircraft carrier. This naval building spree is being masterminded by Admiral Liu Huaqing, 74, the highest-ranking active duty officer in the armed forces. A career soldier, veteran of the Long March and product of the Soviet military establishment during the 1950s, Admiral Liu represents the interests of professional modernizers in the forces.

He was selected at the 14th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party in October to join the all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee and become ranking vice chairman on the Central Military Commission.

Admiral Liu's elevation makes him the choice of Deng Xiaoping as the military's voice in high Communist councils, instead of President Yang Shangkun and his half-brother, Yang Baibing, until recently chief political

much from personal patronage net-At the 14th congress, the two Yangs

were divested of all formal portfolios in the high command. This move was followed by a sweeping purge of their cronies in the general staff and general political departments. The purge apparently relates to an attempted power

works as official positions. But it does suggest a basic shift in the military's orientation away from politics toward a more dedicated national security mission. The Yangs' replacement by Admiral Liu and other pro-

The new doctrine of foreward projection and the hardware being acquired suggest a less benign China.

play by the Yangs to engineer the political succession to Mr. Deng, whether by palace coup or by ensuring that civilian leaders they could manipulate would prevail.

ment in China in 1989, senior retired and professional officers had been warning Mr. Deng about their macuverings. These officers were also unhappy over increased politicization and indoctrination of the military, as well as its use in suppressing the 1989 demonstrations. Maintenance of internal security, these generals argued, should be the task of internal security units and the paramilitary police.

Since the Yangs directed the brutal suppression of the democracy move-

Stripping the Yangs of their mili-tary posts does not mean that they lack clout. Power in China derives as

this shift to the rank and file. However, the armed forces' new tack under Admiral Liu is of great

fessional officers is intended to signal

concern. While there is a reduced chance that the army will be used to maintain internal security, the military's external orientation shows alarming trends. A national security doctrine based on forward projection and fighting low-intensity conflicts on China's periphery is being emphasized. Rapid-deployment battalions have been formed to give teeth to China's territorial claims in the East and South China seas.

Further affeld, sources in the Generai Staff Department have revealed that the Chinese Navy and Air Force have developed contingencies for keeping open the Malacca Straits, ar-

battle: 80,000 killed, many maimed,

a million people driven into exile.

so obvious to the people who have

gotten there. Mr. Navarro Wolff

noted with surprise that joining the

political process had been the easiest part for Colombian guerrillas. He

interests in the area. The straits which link the Pacific and Indian oceans and pass between Indonesia. Malaysia and Singapore — are one of the busiest sealanes in the world.

Beijing's widening strategic interests may underlie reported Chinese construction of a naval base in Burmese territory along the Andaman Sea, within striking distance of the western entrance to the straits.

The threat once posed to China by the Soviet Union has largely disap-peared. Instead, with Admiral Liu's active support, Russia is retooling military factories built in China in the 1950s. The armed forces are procuring advanced weaponry to support the forward-projection doctrine. This hardware includes long-range refueling capacity for bombers and troop transports, MiG-31 high altitude interceptors, Su-27 attack fighters, radars, and precision guided mis-siles. Much of this equipment will come from Russia and Ukraine. In 1990, after a decade of declining

military spending, China's defense budget began to rise markedly. By 1992, it had posted an increase of nearly 50 percent, after adjustment for inflation. Another hefty increase is expected when the 1993 budget is an-nounced in March. Off-budget revenne earned by the armed forces from foreign arms sales and consumer goods produced in converted manitions factories run by the military is a considerable source of additional in-come not often calculated by analysts.

It may amount to \$2 billion a year. To some extent, China's military buildup is a natural consequence of the country's booming economic growth and its central location in Asia. That is what Chinese defense planners would like the world to believe. Interviews with military and national security personnel in China suggest that they are unaware of how this buildup is being seen around the Asian region

country harbors no designs on, and poses no threat to, the territory of other nations. This is probably true. But the new doctrine of forward projection and the hardware being acquired suggest a less benign China. Military prowess can be used in coercive diplomacy. For many Asians, China is a growing threat.

The Chinese buildup must be closely monitored by Asian states, the United States and other concerned countries. Western weapons sales and defense technology transfers to the Chinese armed forces are destabilizing to a very fluid region and send the wrong signal to Beijing. Nonetheless, it is prudent to en-

gage the Chinese military in dialogue to discuss regional and international security trends, and to impress upon the top commanders the increasing foreign concern about the country's defense modernization program. Ideally, such dialogue should be supplemented by a multilateral format

encompassing all East Asian nations, including Taiwan, plus the United States and Russia. Confidence-building measures are also needed. As the regional arms race accelerates, such moves become more pressing. In an uncertain environment, a continued U.S. military presence in

Northeast Asia remains crucial to maintenance of peace and a balance of power in the region. With the removal of Russia as a significant factor in Asian security, a precipitous with-drawal of U.S. forces or a pullback from East Asia would trigger a dangerous vacuum. China would be tempted — and well-placed — to fill it."

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Riots in Servia

VIENNA - A despatch received today [Jan. 14] from Servia states that events in that country are daily assuming a more threatening character, and that rioting has occurred at Kraljevo, while at Jagodina and Kragojevacs disturbances are apprehend on the occasion of the assumption of office by the new Communal Administration. The despatch adds that the Army has hitherto been loyal to the Government, but that it is a question whether 12,000 men scattered over the whole country are sufficient to cope with any serious outbreak.

1918: Traitor Arrested

PARIS - M. Joseph Caillaux, ex-Prime Minister of France, Deputy for Mamers, was arrested yesterday morning [Jan. 14] at his home in Paris. Serious charges of treason against M. Caillaux were outlined recently by General Dubail, Military Governor of Paris. The gravest charge brought

by General Dubail was that the ex-Premier had urged Italy to sign # separate peace which would have forced France, his own country, to accept a shameful peace. The sequel to this was to be the signing of an alliance between France, Germany, Italy and Spain against England and Russia, characterized by M. Caillaux as "our real enemies."

1943: Red Army Gains MOSCOW - [From our New York

edition: The Red Army, rolling northwestward through the Cancasus, has advanced more than 125 miles, reaching Somikovskoye, near the Kalmuck steppes, and Cossack cavalry and Red tank forces are pursuing the still retreating Nazis, it was ... announced today [Jan. 15]. Occupation of Somikovskoye marked a 26mile advance to the north yesterday. It brought the Caucasus army within 45 miles of the Kalmuck region, where other Red Army forces are pushing south from Stahngrad.

The Hardest Part Is Giving Up the Gun

SAN SALVADOR — The thin, pale young man, his light blue eyes glinting behind steel-runmed glasses, wore a dark suit, a finely striped shirt and a flowered tie. Fingering the tie, he said the decision to wear it "and long trousers" symbolized the transformation, "a mark of respect for the society.

More important, he said, had been the decision to give up his gun. "It was a heroic act, heroic," said, "like a woman going out on the street naked."

He is Antonio Navarro Wolff. leader of the group that stormed into the Supreme Court in Bogotá in 1985, killing 11 justices, and that is responsible for many other acts of violence. He was addressing a decorous audience in this city of hundreds of people, mainly Salva-dorans, including high officials and uniformed military leaders, and vis-

itors from 18 countries. Earlier, Joaquim Villalobos, a slight, elegant 41-year-old who led errillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front in the murderous 12-year Salvadoran civil war, told the same audience: "We've had excesses of power, Now we need excesses of tolerance."

Both men now represent political

parties, in from the jungle, rid of the

"old revolutionary dogma," as Mr. Villalobos said, still "committed to

change," as Mr. Navarro Wolff said, but dedicated to democracry and a

peaceful society. The occasion was a

two-day conference on "Reconcilia-

By Flora Lewis

tion in Times of Transition," an exchange of experiences on how to create or restore civil society after years of conflict or dictatorship. It is a welcome problem in a growing number of countries. But it is a

ing responsibility for past crimes, whether to punish or to pardon, returning fighters to everyday life, reviving ruined economies, turning to the future as a common task. Speakers from Poland and former Czechoslovakia, grappling with the unexpected burdens of converting dissidents into governors who still have to work with their ex-jailers, could not understand the obsession of

are common themes --- acknowledg-

itary and civilians. The Latins found it hard to digest that totalitarian regimes could have existed with full civilian control of the armed forces. All were wary approaching the conversion of mortal enemies into political rivals in a common cause, but all seemed to endorse the necessity. The former Czech dissident Jan Urban quoted his country's an-

man to build peace." All saw how

ans cited the price of their vicious

topical that remains.

All this in a population of only 5 million. Many more have been killed in less than a year in a Bosnian population half the size, but the Bosnians are not ready to think of reconciliation as the problem, victory as the suicidal illusion. problem. There are big differences There was not much talk of how that point can be reached. It seemed from country to country, but there

ran for president and has a chance of being elected next time. Joining the productive economy is much harder. "We know about life and death, not about making a liv-ing," he said. "The motive that drove people to the guerrilla was the desire for change. They still want to help the Latin Americans with developing democratic relations between the milthe society change, but to develop a culture of peace in place of the old culture of violence."

The past must be admitted, the revolting truth told. But with so much blame to spread, punishment is some-thing else. Chile's Truth Commission was hailed as an example, revealing all but prosecuting only cases identi-fied as crimes against humanity. The demand for justice must be met with sober dignity. cient philosopher Comenius: "Even children can kill. You need a real

"The responsibility for the future what matters," a Salvadoran leader said. "It's up to us, all of us." One after another, the Salvador-People can change.

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A Cough Heard Worldwide: Is 'Throatgate' Upon Us? By William Safire

WASHINGTON — How private is a president's health? Even a politi-VV president's health? Even a politician has a privacy zone, and I am rarely
an absolutist on anything, but to the
question posed above, my answer is: The
president's health is the public's business.
Last week I watched a television clip
of Bill Clinton strolling along, balling
his fist and coughing lightly into it. Maybe it was just a nervous cough, but after
a series of incidents about his voice, that
did it for me with Mr. Clinton's throat:

did it for me with Mr. Clinton's throat; there was a need to know more.

Toward the end of the 1992 campaign. Mr. Clinton almost lost the use of his voice. Because he had been talking non-stop, most of us assumed it to be strain from overuse. Reporters were told he suffers from chronic laryngitis partly caused by allergies and by reflux of stomach acid, known as heartburn, which is why he sleeps with the head of his bed elevated. But, citing privacy, Mr. Clinton declined to be interviewed by Dr. Larry Altman of The New York Times, the leading medical journalist.

After the campaign, though he was talking less, he lost his voice again; it was explained he was allergic to his Christmas tree. That sounded odd. Then, on Jan. 5, he went to the voice

lab of the University of Arkansas Ambulatory Care Center for a 40-minute visit that was explained only as "a follow-up on some routine tests." What tests? The transition staff didn't say.

I called George Stephanopoulos, Mr. Clinton's spokesman, and asked to speak to the doctor in charge of the president-elect's throat, explaining it was a routine journalistic test. A few days ago Dr. James Suen, Little

Rock's foremost otolaryngologist, called. He has examined Mr. Clinton five times in the last two months. *Before Christmas, he suffered severe

hoarseness caused by a cold and allergies to greenery," said Dr. Suen. "X-rays showed blocked sinuses. Treated with decongestants, cleared up in 24 hours." What of the unexplained visit on Jan. 5? "We re-X-rayed him after they took

down the Christmas greenery and the dusty decorations from last year, and after he spent some time in South Carolina. We wanted to make sure his sinuses opened up, to avoid chronic sinus infection." What did they find? "His allergies got better and his voice got better." These are inhalant allergies, the doctor explained, to dust, pollen and rag-

weed — not food or drug allergies.
Unlike asthma, which affects the lungs, Mr. Clinton's inhalant allergies affect his upper respiratory tract. "He doesn't get lung problems, he gets swelling of the vocal cords," says Dr. Suen. "And even a little swelling can cause you

to lose your voice completely." On the last day of the campaign, and again on Election Day, Dr. Suen revealed, he used a spray trade-named Vanceril to reduce Mr. Clinton's hoarseness. "It's not something you like to do."

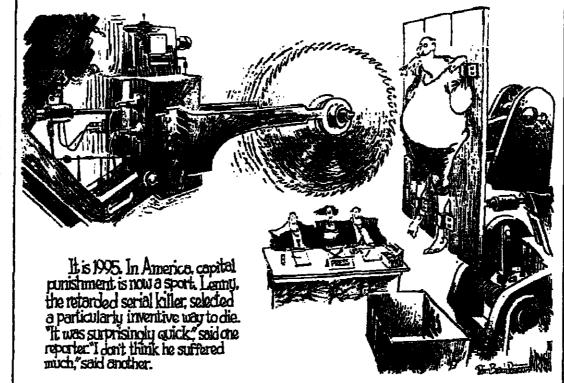
Afterward, I ran that reluctance past Dr. Robert Pumphrey, a leading ear-nose-and-throat man in Washington. Vanceril is beclamethazone, a corti-

costeroid," said this otolaryngologistic allergist. "Using a reasonable amount a couple of times won't hurt you." But extended or heavy use could cause side effects ranging from hypertension to mental aberrations.

Result of the openness test: Mr. Clinton, his advisers and his doctors are willing to respond positively, if at first too cautiously, to probes. The new president's occasional voice problem apparcatly is no big deal.

Mr. Clinton would do well to open up his doctors and himself to more in-formed questioners like Dr. Altman, We should know every medication he takes. Anything we learn now about presidential health we can handle. Anything we learn later that we should have known at the start would cause dismay.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Dangerous' Germans? Yesterday Does Not Apply

Mr. Peterson considers leaving Germany after three incidents led him to conclude that little Adolf and his adult sympathizers have become dangerous: 1. His son leaves the scene of an

automobile accident and is arrested, This occurs even in the United States. 2. Walking through a village at night, Mr. Peterson feels anxious when encountering rowdy drunkards. This occurs even in the United States.

3. Mr. Peterson is questioned by the police after throwing a sack of trash into a container along the highway. This oc-curs even in the United States. I, too, am an Auslander, a Belgian. I have been living in Germany for 25 years. Mr. Peterson should try to be more objec-

tive and not come to unfair conclusions about the character of the Germans because of little personal misfortunes. PRINCESS ELISABETH von BISMARCK. Friedrichsruh, Germany.

As an American student living in Germany, I read Mr. Peterson's comments with interest. I, too, have felt apprehensive walking around the streets here at night. But I have trouble with the idea that a people must forever be punished for something that happened long before most of them were even born. WALTER SZULCZEWSKI.

Staufen, Germany. As an American living in Germany for the last eight years, I can easily relate to Mr. Peterson's anger. I have my own

Regarding "Germany: The Descen-dants Are Plain Dangerous" (Opinion, Jan. 8) by Michael Peterson:

about my children growing up here. But drawing on Holocaust images to vent the anger the Ausländer feel toward todrawing on Holocaust images to vent the anger the Ausländer feel toward today's Germans is not the solution.

TONY CARTER. Hamburg.

I have also lived as an Auslander (Canadian) in Germany, but a bit longer than Mr. Peterson — 40 years — and I am just as dismayed as any. In contrast to Mr. Peterson, I prefer to point to the millions of Germans publicly demon-strating against racist violence rather than to some mystic demon reputedly still hiding in the German soul. KENNETH ATTWOOD.

The problem is xenophobia, not racism. This is the new German problem. PETRA BOUR.

Limeil, France.

Frankfurt

Mr. Peterson should refrain from speaking for all of us when he claims that every Auslander who lives here knows the hatred for Gastarbeiter." I have lived in Germany for 20 years and that is simply false. I do, however, believe that the majority of Germans are deeply concerned by the number of refugees seeking asylum in their country. If this in turn makes the Germans barbarians, then ask a Floridian how he would feel about an open-door policy for Haitian refugees. WILLIAM G. KOHLER.

stories to tell, and I am also concerned more upset than the average German, rules and laws of the country they live in

The probability of becoming a victim of violent crime continues to be more than eight times higher in the United States than in Germany.

A black person who has an encounter with the police in Germany is likely to be treated with a great deal more respect than in many places in the United States. Racism and fascism are international phenomena. No evidence exists to support the proposition that Germany is any worse in this respect than other countries. On the contrary, Germany is doing an admirable job coping with the enormous strains of absorbing hundreds of thousands of refugees.

> DAVID T. FISHER, Wiesbaden, Germany.

I do know that there have been too many hateful incidents in Germany recently, and millions of us have taken to the streets in protest against them. I also know that not the least of Nazism's legacies is that we will always be distrusted more than any other people. All the same I believe that Mr. Peterson can still feel safer here than in many parts of his own country.

JUTTA MOSINSKI. Uberlingen-Nussdorf, Germany.

Give Germany and Germans a break. EBERHARD WESTERBERGER. Klagenfurt, Austria.

Don't worry, Mr. Peterson, the Turks and other Ausländer who live and work in Although right-wing violence is a Germany try to follow the rules. They source of concern for all of us, no one is don't have your arrogance in ignoring the

Americans considering this phenome- They also don't expect the Germans to non would do well to remember the eat dirt until the end of time because of Nazi atrocities.

Frankfurt.

To Russia With Questions

Jeffrey Sachs, in "America Is Scarcely Helping" (Opvium, Dec. 23), states that Russia received "only about \$10 billion in 1992." Only? I am astounded at the amount of money that seems to be flowing into Russia. What happens to it? Who is responsible for sending it, receiving it, putting it to work, accounting for it? What, in real terms, can it accomplish? JOAN DZENOWAGIS-PEPKE

Just the (Cheese) Facts

In your Jan. 4 issue, under the heading "Camembert: Odorous Emblem of France," it is reported: "In 1986 the French ate 90,000 tons of Camembert, or two million individual cheeses." Assuming you meant 90,000 metric tons. the average weight of one cheese would be 45 kilograms, or about 99 pounds. I would be grateful to you for advising me where I could acquire one of these "giants" for my friends and extended family. And no, I don't mind the odor. WERNER NEUMANN.

Editor's note: In 1991, 10,150 tons of Camembert worthy of the "appellation d'origine" (the real thing) were sold, the Musée du Camembert in Vimoutiers tells us. This amounted to more than 40 million cheeses --- of a mere 250 grams each.

Her Poem Will Surely Se Beyond What Is Seeming 13

By Colman McCarthy

cabinet choices. Of his taste in poets, his selection of Maya Angelou to read at the swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday has the ring of just-rightness.

There is probably not a poet in the hemisphere who better exemplifies the new president's urge to have his appointees reflect the diversity of America. A child of Stamps, Arkansas, a segregated outback when she was raised there in the early 1930s by her paternal grandmother,

MEANWHILE

Ms. Angelou by age 35 had worked as a dancer, cocktail waitress, streetcar con-ductor (the first black female fare collector in San Francisco), Creole cook, nightclub singer, civil rights organizer, editor of the Arab Observer in Cairo and the African Review in Accra, Ghana.

That, plus having a baby at 16, a couple of husbands, including a Greek named Angelos, provided enough joy, pain and ideas to fill 12 books, all written since the globally acclaimed 1970 memoir, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." Of her Arkansas childhood in Stamps, a town 25 miles from Mr. Clinton's Hope, Ms. Angelou said: "One would say of my life — born loser — had to be: from a broken family, raped at eight, unwed mother at 16... It's a fact but it's not the truth. In the black community, however bad it looks, there's a lot of love and so much humor."

Some of that love came to Ms. Angelou in her childhood from Bertha Flowers, "the aristocrat of Black Stamps." She was the first to invite the delicate and rapetraumatized girl to see beyond the vio-lence she endured and to let books and poetry be the eyes to do it. Ms. Angelou's accounts of her visits to Bertha Flowers's home to read aloud are among the most stirring tales in America's literature on the salvation of children. The relationship was that of an adult

paying attention to an emotionally needy child and helping her in one of life's deep joys, discovering your gifts. Every writer has had a Bertha Flowers. Not many make it without one. Ms. Angelou, recalling her as "one of the few gentlewomen I have ever known and . . . the measure of what a human being can "embraced the old woman's counsel:

"She said that I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and even more intelligent than college pro-

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WASHINGTON—Grouse or cheer fessors. She encouraged me to lail you want about Bill Clinton's carefully to what country people c carefully to what country people c mother wit. That in those hor sayings was couched the collective dom of generations."

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to have a place in Ms. Angelou's ina ration poem. Her reading is likely that different from Robert Frost's verse at the Kennedy inauguration "Gift Outright," Mr. Frost celebrate people's giving of themselves to "the vaguely realizing westward," an e-con-sionism based on violence: "The de! and gift was many deeds of war," s ac-Instead of Mr. Frost's self-cong eco-

latory nationalism, Ms. Angelou's r repfor the inauguration is sure to carr the the themes of her art for the par years — the need for truth-telling ast is viving pain, reconciliation, the powse of self-acceptance and artistic honesty fig-

"The artist," she wrote, "is suppos narsee beyond what is seeming. The arbotry next job is to learn his or her craft 'ge. can speak — whether through a pie per-sculpture or a piece of music. The lotor must develop courage to tell the true its that we are, as a species, moving bestquickly toward the edge of a precist 10 then the artist must see it and have the nerve to stand on the edge and say, sales is what I see, everybody. This is art d to

Ms. Angelou, a professor at Wake from est University, has more than tak post-stand on the edge. Her sense of r justice, shaped in the early 1960s v working for the Southern Christian Lumas ership Conference, has remained fe ex-The poet often dresses in the ancepartdresses of the Ewe tribe of West Afric Perspeak to the black experience," she ! "but I am always talking about the man condition — about what we the endure, dream, fail at and still surviv pre-

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answers to public questions not me in position papers and meetings by — mirabile dictu! — books. He read. edification, instruction and pleas this, after four decades of border functional illiterates in the W House, is amazing and heartening.
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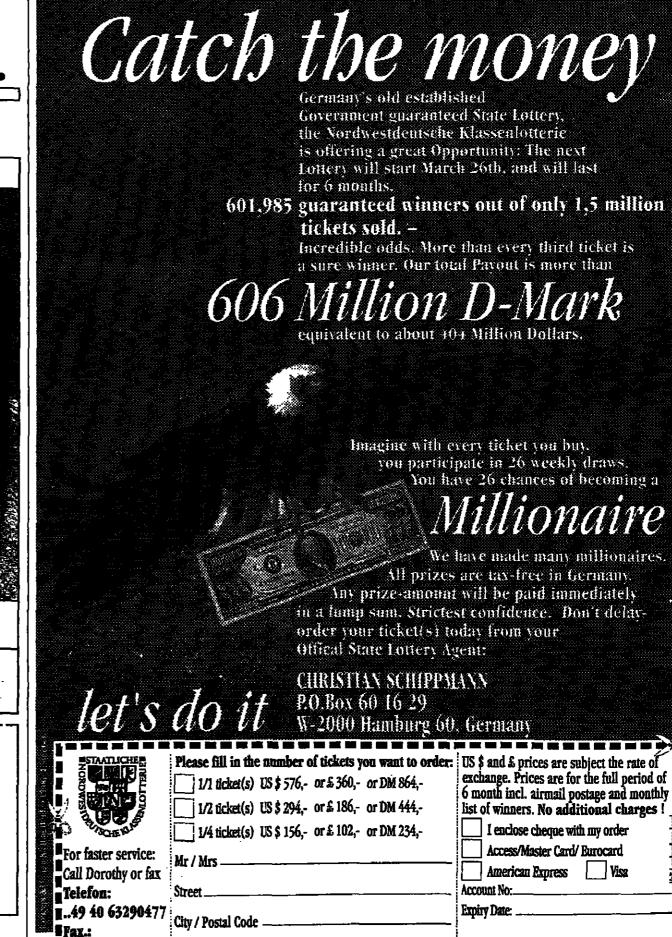
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By Douglas Sutton

AMBURG - Henry Miller would have loved it: A "temple of sex," as artist Tomi Ungerer calls it, in Hamburg's raunchiest neighborhood, its red-light St. Pauli district. In fact, Miller is here with a watercolor painting taking his place in a distinguished crowd of artists — Delacroix, Grosz, Daumier, Dix, Kaulbach, Barent van Orley, to name only a few - all with one thing on

Welcome to the Museum of Erotic Art, located on a back street of St. Pauli overlooking the Elbe River and a slow stroll from the famous Reeperbahn.

The private museum features more than 500 works of art spanning six centuries in an orgy of sex and eroticism, a celebration of genitalia-filled fun, fantasies and fetishes let loose on canvas. Since its opening in late November, it has quickly gained nationwide media attention.

For the rest of Hamburg, this is the rub The city is trying hard to shed its image of being second-rate, when it comes to the visual arts, compared to other German cities. New projects are under way, a new cultural affairs minister, Christina Weiss, herself an art historian, has managed to get the city to spend more on the arts, and work has started on a new multimillion-dollar modern art museum.

The cultural community celebrated when Germany's leading arts magazine, art, finally did a portrait of Hamburg. But once again, amid its high cultural ambitions. Hamburg finds itself upstaged by its red-light district.
Claus Becker, 43, the man who created the

Erotic Art Museum with his own cash — 'something over \$2 million," he says doesn't care.

"Without St. Pauli, Hamburg would be a provincial town," Becker said, using the description that Hamburg's residents hate to "This is the district where life is the most

colorful -- where you have the small shopkeeper, a lady in her 80s, getting along with the young prostitutes, where yuppies come to live next door to '60s generation hippies." Becker, who came to Hamburg in 1968

from Flensburg, is not an uncontroversial figure, having evidently made comfortable amounts of money in real estate and various other ventures in St. Pauli. "I've got my

■ Leadership literature update: "The Genius of Sitting Bull: 13 Heroic Strategies for Today's Business Leader" by Empress C. Minester, We Leaders" by Emmett C. Murphy. We won't bore you with the usual nonsense about vision, knowledge and (oh, come on) empathy, but here's Quality No. 6, according to AP: "Communicate on many levels: Heroic leaders master the skills people together." Noted.

rough edges," he conceded. "You have to if you want to make your mark."

Not exactly your typical museum director, Becker sports a three-day beard and ponytail, and drives a Mercedes sports car, down in the harbor he has a 16-meter (53-foot) yacht, the Grosse Freiheit. That's the name of a street of nightclubs, bars and bordellos where the Beatles were putting their act

together in the early 1960s.

I wanted to make a contribution to St. Pauli, and at first was thinking about a museum of local history," Becker said. "But then I got access to this large collection of erotic art which belongs to a prominent Hamburg patron, and the idea of a museum devoted solely to eroticism evolved."

Becker bought a complex of 19th-century warehouses, converting the main four-story building for the museum. Work is still proceeding on the others to form what he envi-sions will eventually be a "center for erotic studies," complete with halls for special exhibitions, an auditorium and a cafe.

"Sex in St. Pauli means commerce," Becker said. "I wanted to put sex and eroticism in an artistic light."

The museum's works are just as sexually explicit as anything to be found in the glossy magazine shops on the Reeperbahn. The difference is that this stuff is Art - and

damn the art-vs.-pornography debate.

Besides the prurient thrills that the art works provide, the museum itself has won accolades. Amid the bare wooden floors, the exposed beams and red brick walls illuminated by dim spot lighting, visitors can play at being voyeurs.

Extremely explicit Japanese woodcut prints from the 18th century are found in pullout drawers suggestive of the naughty private treasure they once were, while many paintings are hidden behind hinged metal covers to be opened one at a time for person-

LTOGETHER, Becker has coilected about 2,000 erotic works and some of Hamburg's most prestigious galleries are helping him to acquire more.

"Finding good crotic art out on the mar-ket is difficult," he said. "You might go to an auction and only one or two are good, while the rest is really bad."

Coming up is a special exhibition by Ungerer, a photographic study of human posteriors, and Becker says that Paul Wunderlich has shown interest in an exhibition.

"This is a place for free spirits," Becker said of his museum. "St. Pauli is a place for free spirits, and deserves to be Hamburg's best-known district. Last fall I sailed over to New York for the Columbus Day regatta and got to meet Mayor Dinkins. When I told him I was from Hamburg, he said, Tve been to the Reeperbahn."

The museum is at Bernhard-Nocht-Strasse 69. Open daily 10 A. M. to midnight. Admission 15 Deutsche marks (about \$9). Minimum age: 18.

Douglas Sutton is a journalist based in Hamburg.



Michael Reynolds and his headquarters (inset), topped by a wind turbine.

Post-Hippie Chic: Try House Made of Tires

By Patricia Leigh Brown

AOS, New Mexico - About 15 miles west of Taos, a road with no name tapers off into the flat tableland beneath the Tres Orgias, three small volcanic peaks. Soon the road disappears entirely. All that remains is a thick carpet of snow and a set of coyote tracks

pitching toward infinity.

But if you can envision an Alternative Republic here, you don't need a road. Thus, a frigid winter morning recently found Michael Reynolds barreling through the snowdrifts, his Dodge pickup swerving every which way, destined for an unsightly pile of tires and dirt. his new Atlantis: downtown Star.

And so, as the new year began, changing the world has come down to this: a Taos morning blue with cold, a 47-year-old man with fly-away hair and a pickex pounding frozen dirt into used tires — the detritus of 20th-century civilization and building blocks of a new utopia.

Star is an acronym for the Social Transformation Alternative Republic, a 1,100-acre (400-hectare) self-sufficient community for around 300 people that Reynolds, a renegade pioneer in the alternative housing movement, is building on a sage- and pinon-flecked pe-

riphery of town. The houses at Star will be what Reynolds has christened "earth ships," dwellings made of rammed earth and tires that the architect has been perfecting in and around Taos for the last 20 years. His goal — already realized at another project nearby — is to be indepen-

at another project nearby — is to be independent of the conventional power grid.

Instead of being heated by electricity, the earth ships will use sculpted earth, fire walls and the sun, which also powers the photovoltaic cells that provide electricity. Rather than conventional plumbing, there will be catchwater roof systems to harvest and filter runoff from snow and rain. Head water from off from snow and rain. Used water from bathtubs and sinks will be piped into jungly planters where flowers and vegetables grow. There will be no sewers — only solar toilets, an invention of Reynolds that reduces human waste to dust, dust that "may even be good

The earthen harmony, he said, will be "half

dictatorship, half democracy."

Reynolds doesn't think of himself as a look like one, either, padding around his

on a wagon train going west."

Alternative building styles, from his steelbelted radicalism to houses constructed of Alternative building styles, from his steel-belted radicalism to houses constructed of straw bales, have experienced something of a resurgence recently in New Mexico, a home of adobe construction.

A movement within the growing green ar-

efficiency and nontoxic building materials, the current bubble of alternative activity is "a mentalism. Reynolds's grand experiment is bypass utilities and other outside life-support systems but is more sophisticated and replicable than early back-to-the-land efforts.

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Viewed collectively, Brand said, minimovements like Reynolds's suggest that "hippie premises haven't been entirely undone, and people now have the time and money to act on them." Reynolds believes that earth ships contrast with the fabled communes ships contrast with the rapide consideres, which betrayed a "naive trust in human nature." "The thing is," he said, "people don't want to live together. These people also froze to death. They didn't have the right vessel."

The right vessel—the low-budget model—is a two-bedroom, 1,000-square-foot (93-amera-meter) house with horseshoe-shaped

square-meter) house with horseshoe-shaped rooms tucked into the earth. Its walls are made from stacked tire casings, indestructible build-ing blocks packed solidly with dirt. The rammed dirt functions like a battery, storing and releasing the earth's warmth as well as heat from the sun. It takes about 800 or 900 automobile tires (and a matrix of immumerable aluminum cans and cement) to build one house. A basic earth ship can cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$40,000 if the owner is his own contractor and does much of the work himself,
And it can cost as little as \$60,000 for a
custom-designed original by Reynolds's company, Solar Survival Architecture.

On a treacherously steep mountainside
outside of town, Reynolds's latest ideas have
already taken root at Reach (or Rural Earthship Alternative Companyity Habitath a cha-

ship Alternative Community Habitat), a cluster of 15 earth ships, two of which have been completed, slinking up the cliffside like a new-age Mesa Verde.

MONG the Reach homeowners are the actor Dennis Weaver and his wife, Gerry, who have also built a si million, 10,000-square-foot carth ship in Ridgway, Colorado, a mammoth pad that Reynolds wryly referred to as the Earth Yacht, Keith Carradine is another client. Weaver called Reynolds "an absolute dedicated risk-taking visionary genius."

For Reynolds, earth ships are a social mis-

sion that transcends architecture.

for something," he said.

His main objective at Star, according to the community's articles of association, will be to "evolve humanity into an earthen harmony."

"A lunar module allows you to go to the moon and function," he is fond of saying vaguely echoing Buckminster Fuller, whose geodesic domes were considered radical control of the said will be "helf" consection and function. cepts for spaceship earth. "This vessel en-

ables you to live on the earth and function." Reynolds doesn't think of himself as a

Of the fledging earth ships built by Solar
guru, though ardent disciples read his books
Survival in and around Taos, some of them 18 and watch his videos. He doesn't particularly years old, none have suffered building failure, said Bob Koss, the state's regional building offices in knee pads and wool socks with toes inspector. But questions remain about what offices in knee pads and wool socks with toes poking through, or being engaged in his seemingly futile midwinter tire-pounding rituals, proof "you can build these things even in the dead of winter with bozos," as he called his crew. He sees himself as a scout, a "scout the seigh ships for a sliding fee four times." the earth ships, for a sliding fee, four times

A movement within the growing green architecture movement, which focuses on energy

III, an expert on alternative building technologies, worries that "people are getting mesmer-ized." In damper climates, he said, there is a somewhat logical extension of the '60s," said Stuart Brand, the founder of the Whole Earth ers wonder about invading pristine places with Catalog. It combines a concern for home and "vacation houses for environmental family with affordable housing and environ-"vacation houses for environmental dilet-

MOVIE 6 []] E

e Story of Qlu Ju rected by Zhang Yimou.

ter the formal beauty of aise the Red Lantern," ang Yimou uses a candid nera approach for his first ntemporary subject, a chroniof Chinese peasant life that n the Gold Lion at Venice. ollen with pregnancy, trussed a rustic red dress, Qiu Ju ong Li) seeks justice for her sband who has been humiliatby the village chief: She press-her suit at every level — vile and provincial — a young other Courage. The domestic ting and city scenes are mmed with life and humor, there's little emotion in the ercise. Just as none of the tracters grasps what Qiu Ju is illy after — what do women nt, anyway? — the secret of stubborn passion stays as sterious as her relationship to husband. By keeping the lid the shadowy side, Yimou's n never escapes the confineint of its initial argument.

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tor, Attenborough turns the si-lent screen star's life into a TV-Chaplin Directed by Richard Attenborough. U. S., France, Italy, Old-fashioned, overblown and unduly reverential, Richard At-

A ruthlessly evenhanded direc-

tenborough's "Chaplin" might as well be "Gandhi Gone Hollywood." It's a monumental biopic that cheapens the hero's successes by glossing over the failures that surely also shaped the man.

movie mush of short-lived marriages and celebrity-packed premieres. In the film, drawn from Chaplin's "My Autobiography" and David Robinson's "Chaplin: His Life and Art," Charlie is played with heart and bowler hat by Robert Downey Jr. But Attenborough doesn't have a clue when it comes to Chaplin's psychology, a shortcoming he fobs off on Chaplin himself, who dishes out anec-dotes during a fictitious meeting with the editor of his autobiography. "If you want to understand me, watch my movies," says Chaplin — advice that Attenborough finally takes with some clips that make us laugh, a rarity in this morose undertaking. (Rita Kempley, WP)

Lorenzo's Oil Directed by George Miller.

"Lorenzo's Oil" is the toughminded, completely gripping story of Augusto and Michaela Odone (Nick Nolte and Susan Sarandon), parents who receive the worst conceivable news about their child. At 5, Lorenzo Odone began exhibiting symp-toms of what would soon be diagnosed as adrenoleukodystrophy, a rare and invariably fatal disease. The Odones were essentially told that the best they could do would be to make Lorenzo's last days comfortable, that he would die within two years. The Odones, amazingly, did something to change that. There are no false miracles; there are no self-congratulatory triumphs; there is no smiling through anyone's tears. This film has an appealingly brisk, unsentimental style and a rare ability to compress and convey medical data. It also displays tremendous compassion for the

Odones. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Scent of a Woman Directed by Martin Brest. This glorified father-son buddy film with a needlessly sensitive title, offers Al Pacino the kind of opportunity actors dream about. As Lieutenant Colonel Frank Slade, a corrosively bitter military man who has been blinded (quite literally) by his own stupidity, Pacino roars through this story with show-stopping intensity. Bo Goldman's screenplay provides him a string of indelible wisceracks, and Martin Brest's direction allows room for the character to be developed at great length. As in "Rain Man," this film juxtaposes a flamboyant performance and a quieter foil. The latter is Charlie Simus (Chris O'Donnell), a scholarship stu-dent at a snobbish New England prep school who takes on the job of minding Stade over Thanksgiving vacation. O'Don-nell has the tough job of weath-ering every "Ha!" or "Hoo-wah!" from Pacino without Top left, Robert Downey Jr. as the Little Tramp in Richard Attenborjeopardizing his role as straight man, and he does this stalwartly. Only a master of straight-faced delivery could handle

Charlie's sincere side, as when

he confounds Frank with one of

Goldman's few nonsparkling observations: "You're not bad.

(Janet Maslin, NYT)

You're just in pain."

ough's "Chaplin"; top right, Nick Nolte, Zack O'Malley Greenburg and Susan Sarandon in George Miller's "Lorenzo's Oil," and Chris O'Donnell, who plays opposite Al Pacino in "Scent of a Woman."

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BILLETS EN VENTE AU GRAND-PASSAGE UN MOIS AVANT LE CONCERT

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Tired of three-star restaurants? The reservations six weeks in advance? The pomp, the curumstance, the very importance of the event? Not to mention the cost.

Tired, too, of elbow-to-elbow bistros and smoke in your eyes, on just the night you're starving for blanquette de veau, warm apple tart, a drinkable little red wine?

Leave it to Joël Robuchon - the undisputed master of modern French cooking - to figure out what Parisian diners are looking for today. While he waits to transfer his Michelin three-star restaurant, Jamin, from Rue de Longchamp to its new home on Avenue Raymond Poincaré, the chef has taken over the restaurant next door. That is, the hotel dining room of Le Parc Victor Hugo.

Open for three weeks now, Le Relais du Parc is demure, moderately quiet and about as dignified as you can get while serving up hearty portions of smoked herring and steamed potatoes, skate and cabbage, oxtail and chocolate mousse. It's as if the High Toque decided to don corduroys for the

If you know Robuchon's cooking, you know that his herring, skate, oxtail and mousse are not like anyone else's. Yet even when one's expectations are high, he does not disappoint. Having worked with him for many years as an understudy in pursuit of a cookbook, I find it fascinating to see how he translates his rigorously creative cuisine to brand-name French fare that conjures up memories (or wishful thoughts) of Sunday at grandmother's.

Once you've sampled his state-of-the-art blanquette de veau, his densely flavored crown of queue de boeuf (oxtail) on a bed of carrots, bowls of marinated herring paired with tiny roseval potatoes steamed in their skins, or the ever-popular thin apple tart, you'll be certain to have sampled the best that

Service is on a par with the food, with Serge Calvez as an outgoing and thoroughly responsible responsable. And chef Gilles Renault demonstrates that he's well on the way mastering the master's precepts.

The decor at Le Relais du Pare resembles a consummate movie set, a Frenchman's image of a perfectly English back porch. It certainly doesn't exist in real life, this flawless glossywhite, manicured, pretty-pretty place with

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neat flowers and footed white porcelain bowls of bright orange elementines reflected in rectangles of spotless, mirrored French doors. It's a touch of French fantasy, right at home deep in the 16th arrondissement

The menu is brief and to the point, with a daily plat du jour, such as the blanquette. There are two dining rooms, a welcoming room for smokers that resembles an impeccable Ralph Lauren ad and the coquettish backporch room for nonsmokers.

The wine list - with selections from Dagueneau and Madame Raffault in the Loire, Jayer and Tollot-Beaut in Burgundy, Guigal, Gripa and Graillot in the Rhône, and Domaine Tempier in Provence —should keep us all happy drinkers for a good long time. There is room for about 70 diners, and you

don't need to reserve six weeks in advance. A few days will do. And you won't need to mortgage the house to enjoy the magic of Robuchon. (Construction has not yet begun on the grand restaurant next door. If all goes well, one may see an opening sometime in the

Le Relais du Parc, 55 Avenue Raymond Poincaré, 75116 Paris; tel: 44.05.66.10. Open daily. Credit cards: American Express, Diners Chib, Visa. A la carte, 200 to 250 francs per person, not including wine.



Naming Things: Old Word Order

By Barbara Rosen

ARIS - Ask for a Swiss steak in Zurich or a Russian salad in Moscow, and you're bound to get puzzled looks. But while they may not exist in the countries whose names they bear, there is a reason they're called what they are. A surprising number of foreign labels can be traced to explanations - some laudatory, some pejorative, some just plain wrong.

Often, said John Simpson, the co-editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, "the word for the country is just used to mean rather odd or peculiar." "French cricket," for example, ap-plies to a form of the game that's just not the traditional one. "It's not intended as a great racial slur," Simpson said. "It's just they do things in a slightly different way than we do." Across the Atlantic, it's typically "Chi-nese." "'Chinese' is a word that's used for a

lot of things that just mean foreign," said David Weeks, a senior editor at The American Heritage Dictionary. "In olden days, 'Chinese' was practically a synonym for 'fun-ny' or 'odd.' It doesn't actually mean that the thing comes from China."

It doesn't take much for the foreign-as-different label to slip into the slur. "French letter," which appeared as an English term for condoms in the mid-19th century, was employed to describe "slightly under-the-counter sort of things," Simpson said. "At the time, they were not the sort of thing to discuss in polite company," and therefore couldn't be claimed as one's own.

"Something like 'Chinese fire drill,' that's clearly derogatory," added Reinhold Aman, editor of Maledicta ("the international journal of verbal agression"). "But 'Chinese checkers' is a significant to the control of checkers' is not

English anti-Dutch compounds stuck after 17th-century conflicts, said Richard Lederer, a language writer based in New Hampshire, citing "Dutch courage" (cour-

age because of intoxicants) and "Dutch treat" (no treat at all). Of course, foreign labels can also add cachet. The American "French dry cleaning" technique, which involved hand-dipping clothing in a solvent, did originate in France in the early 1800s, said Dawn Adams, an instructor at the International Fabricare Institute in Maryland. But because of U.S. safety regulations, "you can't do it now," she added. Cleaners who claim to are "probably

doing more of a spot-cleaning thing."

Among other real origins, a 1937 article quoted in the Oxford English Dictionary describes "Russian roulette" being practiced among Russian troops in Romania. "Indian summer," says the Encyclopaedia Britan-nica, originated in the northeastern U.S. "and probably arose from the Indians' practice of gathering winter stores at this time." Such late warm seasons are called "All-hallown" or "old wives" summers in Europe.

"French leave," or unauthorized departure, actually dates from an 18th-century custom popular in France, of leaving without saying good-bye to one's hostess.

HE roots of "French toast" are in the French dish pain perdu, according to The Dictionary of American Food and Drink by John F. Mariani, which also lists its names in other countries and notes that at various times in America it has been called "Spanish," "German," "Danish pastry," meanwhile, seems to

have been a case of good marketing. According to "America's Table" by Joseph D. Vehling, the term was much in use in 1917-18 in connection with a single baker who was indeed from Copenhagen and who traveled to various American cities demonstrating his pastry-making techniques: "Nothing new or spectacular nor particularly 'Danish.' His 'Danish pastry' had been practiced for ages in Continental Europe, which he admitted." Yet while deep-fried potatoes mayor ubiquitous in France, the name "freits fries" comes not from an assumptionhe origin but from the "frenching" methocicutting potatoes into narrow strips, accelo ing to The Dictionary of American Food he

HEN there's "in-the-style-of." it-"Russian salad" of vegetables v mayonnaise originally contains beet root, which may have led to association with things Russian, said ri-OED's Simpson. "Russian dressing," cording to various gastronomic tomes, is American invention, possibly so-named cause it originally included caviar, or he thought to resemble Russian salad.

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Lastly, there's the "was it just a slip of igtongue" category. Experts believe Gigenness came from Germany, accordingles "Misnomers," by Mark and Diane Ken, re Dittrick. And guinea pigs come from Gin

Foreign labeling, in all its forms, is at restricted to English. "Homard a l'amile caine," or "lobster American-style," cooh,6 in oil and tomatoes, was created in Franceing a French chef (though he had spent ti working in America), according to the lies Larousse Gastronomique. Look up "Fred-letter" in the Collins Robert English-Fred dictionary and you'll find "capote anglais Look up "French leave" and you'll find "à l'anglaise."

And while "unintelligible" may be ' Greek" to an English speaker, it's "Chine to a Greek, says Elias Petropoulos, a Greek, says Elias Petropoulos, a Greek, says Elias Petropoulos, a Greek with the says and the says and the says and the says are says are says and the says are says and the says are says are says and the says are says are says and the says are says are says are says and the says are says are says are says are says and the says are mankind calls syphilis the French dise: except the French, who say it's the 'illn

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Antwerp Koninklijk Museum voor Schone Kunsten (tel: 238.78.09). To March Kunsten (tel: 238.78.09). 10 March 7: "De Bruegel à Rubens: L'Ecole de Peinture Anversolse; 1550 -1650." One hundred and fifty works by local artists throughout the century. In-cludes artists such as Frans Floris, Maarten de Vos, Pourbus, Snijders and Van Dijck.

Brussets
Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire
(tal: 741.72.11). To Jan. 30: "Jade
Cing." More than 150 objects in jade
from the Chin Dynasty (1644-1911).

London Royal Academy of Arts (tel: 439.7436). To April 11: "The Great Age of British Watercolors 1750-1880." Traces the changing role of landscape painting and artist's perception of the natural world over the span of a century.

ception of the natural world over the span of a century. The South Bank Centre (tel: 921.0886), Jan. 20 To March 7: "More than Meets the Ear: An Exploration of the Song Lyric." A series of talks and concerts surveying lyrics in Europe over the past 30 years. Including concerts by Billy Bragg, Tom Robinson and Peggy Seeger.

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Ashmolean Museum (tel:

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Ashmolean Museum (tel: 278,009). To Feb. 7: "Indian Paintings and Drawings from the Collection of Howard Hodgkin." These works date back to the Mogul period and Include themes such as court life, royal portraits and epic scenes in 16th to the 19th centuries.

CANADA

National Gallery of Canada (tel: 990.1985). To Feb. 7: "Correspondences: Jack Shadbott." Paintings and drawings by the Canadian artist.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Sternberg Palace (tel: 35.24.413). To Jan. 24: "The Fairy Tale." A survey of fairy tale motits in Czech art.

FINLAND

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FRANCE

Musee des Arts Décoratifs (tel: 56,10.15.62). To Feb. 15: "Dolls of Yesterday, Creations of Today." A selection of dolls dating from the middle of the 19th century to the present day.

Musée des Beaux-Arts (tel: 37.36.41.39). To March 1: 37.36.41.39). To March 1: "L'Oeuvre Grave de Goya." More tran 200 engravings by Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, including tour series: Caprices, Tauromachie, Dispartes and Desestres.

Musée Fornaise (tel: 34.80.63.22).
To May 16: "Absinthe: Myth and Reality." Focuses on the way absinthe affected the artistic and social life of Europe in the 10th century. Europe in the 19th century.

AUSTRALIA Australian Museum (tel: 339.8111). To Feb. 5: "Gargarituans From the Garden." Featuring large surrealistic robotic insect sculptures with blades of grass which stand as high as humans. AUSTRIA Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig (tel: 782.550). To Jan. 31:"Rudolf Schwarzkogler." A survey of the Austrian artist's paintings.

> Clockwise from left: Miniatures, Weil am Rhein; Bruce Guilder photo, Lausanne; Peruvian figure, New York.

Paris
Ecole Nationale Supérieure des
Beaux-Arts (tel: 47.03.50.00). Jen.
20 to Feb. 26: "Travaux des Eleves
avec les Felicitations du Jury: 1991-1992." Paintings, sculptures, drawings and mixed-media works by 50 of the top graduating students of the and wax molds.

past year.

Mona Bismarck Fondation (tel: 47,23,38,38). To Feb.27: "Capplelio: 1875-1942." More than 90 caricatures representing popular political figures, writers and celebrities of the period. Includes such figures as Sarah Bernhardt, Mounet-Sully, lens leures and Marcel Populat. as Sarah Bemhardt, Mounet-Sully, Jean Jaures and Marcel Proust.
Musée Kröller-Müller à l'Institut Néerlandais (se: 47.05.85.99). Jan. 21 To March 7: "Epreuve d'Artiste." A déplay of contemporary sculptures ranging from minimalistic and conceptual works to arte povera. Includes such artists as Pino Pascall, Zorlo Kounellis, Gilbert and George and Barry Flanagan.
Centre Georges Pompidou (Tel: 44.78.12.33). Jan. 20 to April 4: "Daniel Dezeuze: La Vie Amoureuse des Plantes." More than 75 drawlings, primerly of plants and their blological processes, surveying the contemporary artist's research.

GERMANY

Berlin
Deutsches Historisches Museum
Unter den Linden (tel: 215.020). To
Feb. 23: "Die Ufa." Commemorates
the 75th anniversary of Ufa, the German film company.

Shirn Kunsthalle (tel: 299 88 20).
To Feb. 14: "Edward Hopper 1882-1967." Paintings, watercolors and drawings portraying daily life in Frankturt

Museum für Sepulkrafkultur (tel: 918 930). To Jan. 31: "Walter Benjamin: Leben und Werk." The life and work of the German Jewish philoso-

pher and critic. Well am Rinein
Vitra Design Museum (tel:
702.200). To March 28: "Miniaturen." A series of classical miniatures which exemplify furniture design over the past few decades.

INDONESIA

World Trade Center (tel: 521.1125). To Feb. 28: "Raksesa." Indonesian sculptures spanning 10 centuries includes classical and tribcal purple from Java. Timor Kalimen. centuries, includes cressical and tho-al works from Java, Timor, Kaliman-lan, North Sumatra and Irlan Jaya.

IRELAND

The Irish Museum of Modern Art The Irish Museum of Modern Art (tel: 718.666). To Feb. 14: "Richard (tel: 718.666). To Feb. 14: "Richard (tel: 718.666). To Feb. 14: "Richard tel: "Richard

The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811). To Feb. 15: "Rona Pondick: Pink and Brown." A large installation com-prised of stuffed legs, used shoes

The National Museum of Modern The National Museum of Modern Art (Tel: 761.4111). To Feb. 14: "Fauvism and Modern Japanese Painting." More than 170 pelintings by Fauvists and artists influenced by them. Includes artists such as Matisse, Derain, Vlaminck and Duty.

gail," More than too works, including oil paintings, watercolors and prints in tive themes: "Russian Towns," "The Bible," "Circuses and Musicians," and "Lovers and Flowers."

Aug. 22: "ADIVASI: Het Andere In-dia." In commemoration of the intercia. In commemoration of the inter-national year for Indigenous people, this exhibit pays tribute to the Indi-gens of India. Includes drawings, mu-rais, paintings and sculptures.

Rijksmuseum voor Volkenkunde (Tel: 732.121). To Feb. 14: "Prints From Japan Undergoing Change, 1880-1940." A survey of modern Japanese prints spanning the Melji, Taiaho and Showa periods.

Fukucka Prefectural Museum of Art (Tel: 715.3551). To Feb. 7: "Wa-tercolors in Japan." Featuring more than 100 works produced since the beginning of the Meiji Era.

Mie Prefectural Art Museum (Tel: 227.2100). To Feb. 14: "Marc Cha-gail." More than 100 works, including

NETHERLANDS

Tropenmuseum (tel: 568.8200). To

Riksmuseum voor Volkenkunde

interior design models, sketches and photos. **NORTHERN IRELAND**

Centraal Museum (tel: 362,316). To Feb. 21: "Gernit Rietveld: 1888-1964." A retrospective featuring

1964." A retrospective featuring more than 300 pieces of furniture.

Ulster Museum (tel: 381.251). To March 28: "Sir John Lavery (1856-1941): Painter of an Era." A retrospective including early landscapes, leisure scenes and portraits.

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Musée Barbier-Mueller (tel: 312.02.70). To Feb. 16: "Art des iles Salomon." An assortment of ancient tribal works from the Solomon Islands in the South Pecific

Musée de l'Elysée (Tel: 617.4821).
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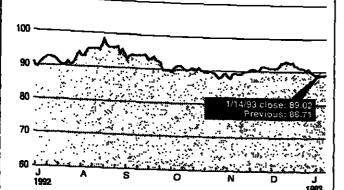
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WALL STREET WATCH

The Wind Is Weakening Beneath Boeing's Wings

By John Holusha New York Times Service

TEW YORK — Shares of Boeing Co. have been losing altitude. The big aircraft maker, whose order backlog seemed immune to the problems of the airline industry well into the recession, is planning to cut back production this year as sickly airlines defer orders.

Boeing shares have fallen from more than \$40 late last week to 537.50 Thursday, down 75 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange. Two-and-a-half years ago, Boeing shares were over \$60 a share.

And analysts say a further weakening is likely, since it is by no means clear how far airlines will go in canceling and stretching out

aircraft deliveries. "The only thing that is sure is that production schedules have not hit bottom," said Howard A. airlines defer orders. Rubel, analyst at C.J. Lawrence,

The latest blow came this week, when Japan Air Lines acknowledged that the carrier would delay taking delivery of some of the 747 jumbo jets that are Boeing's most profitable product.

The commercial aircraft business is cyclical. When times are good and people have the income to travel, airlines order more planes. But they take time to build, so that by the time the sail end of orders are

set to go into production, demand may have weakened. According to Boeing the number of unfilled orders for commercial planes fell to 1,427 at the end of November from 1,658 at the

beginning of the year. A falloff in 747 orders may force Boeing to cut its production rate of five a month. The 747 is the only model to avoid a slowdown so far. Boeing said last year it planned to cut output of 757 models from 8.5 to seven a month this June and to five a month in November. Output of 767s will slow from five to four a month in November, too. Production of the 737 was cut to 14 a month from 21 in October.

A production slowdown is likely to produce a squeeze on earnings at a time when the company is spending heavily to develop its new 777 wide-body, a twin-jet aircraft to go into service in 1995.

As a result of the expected cuts in 747 production, Cai von Rumohr, an analyst with Cowen & Co., reduced his estimate for the company's 1994 earnings to \$3.25 a share from \$3.70 a share.

Still, Boeing has improved its market share, Mr. Rubel said, as other plane makers have been hurt worse than it has. "I estimate that 309 commercial aircraft worth about \$21 billion were ordered last year," he said. "Boeing got 78 percent of those, which is way above its historic share."

Car Firms Try Long Road to Tokyo

By Steven Brull

ional Herald Tribune TOKYO - Western carmakers, criticized in the past for paying executives fat salaries and wanting to take a free ride in the Japanese market, are acting more like long-term players here, even as the recession bites into

At the Thursday opening of the Tokyo Imported Automobile Show, forecast to attract 250,000 visitors over four days, Western auto executives sounded more like their Japanese rivals of decades ago. The ideology

Mazda plans supply swap with Nissan and questions European deal with Ford. Page 17.

seems to be that long-term investment to develop independent dealer networks and high-profile brand images is the key to expanding the paltry market share of imported cars, now below 4 percent.
"It took Japanese makers 25 to 30 years to

establish their U.S. dealer franchises," said Peter Woods, president of Rover Japan Ltd., a subsidiary of British Aerospace PLC in which Honda Motor Co. has a 20 percent stake. "It will take us the same."

A year ago, when President George Bush visited Tokyo with the chairmen of the three big U.S. automakers in tow, the Japanese lectured that before Americans could hope to sell in volume, they had to improve the design and quality of their cars. More important, they had to make heavy investments in Japan and learn to satisfy Japanese consumers.

Now, as improved quality and pricing are winning back share from the Japanese in the United States, the Big Three are beginning to follow through in Japan. Ford Motor Co. last year boosted its stake and working capital in Autorama, a domestic distributor in which Mazda Motor Corp., has an equal share. It also took over the importation of Ford

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cars from Mazda, of which it owns about a quarter. Ford plans to introduce a right-hand drive model in early 1994, according to Hiroo Tanabe, general manager of external affairs.

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General Motors Corp. splashed out millions of dollars last year to mount a series of newspaper ads that broke a Japanese taboo by directly comparing its products with Japanese models. However, a right-hand drive vehicle, most likely the popular Saturn brand, is not expected until mid-decade.

Chrysler Corp., which sold only 1,602 cars here last year, won the race among the Big Three automakers to exhibit a right-hand drive car Thursday, showing off the Jeep

Cherokee. Chrysler projects sales to grow to 2,500 units this year.

The American efforts, and their results, however, remain years behind the Europeans. who command about 75 percent of the imported car market in Japan. European carmakers got a big boost in the bubble economy of the late 1980s, when flush consumers were keen to

show off their luxury cars.

But the collapse of the bubble is hurting the Europeans most. Whereas the U.S. Big Three boosted sales by 3 percent in 1992, to 14,093 cars, European makers' sales fell 14.5 percent, to about 141,000 units, compared with an overall decline in passenger car sales of 8.6 percent, to 3.68 million units.

Nonetheless, it is the Europeans who are making the boldest investments. Last month, Volkswagen Audi Nippon spent 2.6 billion yen (\$20.7 million) to gain control of a lossridden dealership network, JAX Ltd., even though it knew doing so would ensure a 25 percent fall in sales this year, to 32,000 vehicles. It capped a decade of growing European independence here, a trend begun by Bayerische Motoren Werke AG in the early 1980s, and followed in subsequent years by Rover Japan, Mercedes-Benz, Fiat SpA and others.

For the Americans, whose products on balance remain less suited to the Japanese market than those of the Europeans, it makes sense to work through local partners.

But for the upscale European makers, it has become increasingly important to go it alone. For example, Volkswagen AG's decision to break from its partner, Yanase & Co. the biggest distributor of foreign cars in Japan, resulted from growing impatience with its go-slow approach. "Yanase was content to sell a small number of cars at a high mark up and try to keep a monopoly on distribution, said Benjamin Moyer, an analyst at Merrill

Lynch & Co. in Tokyo. Mr. Woods of Rover, who also chairs the

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Sales and Prices Grow Modestly In U.S. Rebound

By Lawrence Malkin nal Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - The government Thursday reported a gain of 1.2 percent in retail sales during December, indicating that American consumers continued to support the slow recovery, although with uncertain vigor.

Low inflation, as measured by a reported 0.2 percent gain in whole-sale prices last month, hinted that the economy is in a virtuous circle of slow growth in both output and prices, in contrast to the normal price surge coming out of recession. The core rate of wholesale prices, excluding food and energy, rose 0.3 percent in December, and annual figures for goods inflation show it running at an unusually low rate of

less than 2 percent.

The numbers offered little guidance for President-elect Bill Clinton in deciding whether to seek new tax cuts or more deficit spending to help boost the economy.

Such a cut had been one of Mr. Clinton's campaign promises, but he backed away from it at a news conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Thursday. He said he planned to introduce a program to increase investment, as pledged in the campaign, but added, We have a structural deficit that is too high. The American people would think I was foolish if I said I would not respond to changing circumstances."

He reiterated his principal aims of cutting the deficit, alleviating the health-care crisis, reforming campaign finance and setting up a program of national civilian service. Consumers seem to be on their way back without federal help, said David C. Munro of High Frequency Economics. For the second half

But how long the trend will last is more difficult to judge because of incomplete and often revised figures from retail outlets. The narrower the focus, the more spotty

Automobile sales rose 3.2 percent, pumped up by Ford Motor Co.'s end-of-year discounts on its Taurus models to overtake the Honda Accord as the year's bestselling passenger car. In the first 10 days of the new year, however, the auto companies reported that sales of cars and light trucks slowed to an annual rate of 9.1 million from the strong rate of 11.2 million post-

By any reckoning. Christmas sales in department stores were excellent. The Commerce Department reported they were 10.2 percent better in December than last

But when compared with the previous month instead of the previous year, the government's figures were less dynamic and more confusing. Although overall sales rose 1.2 percent, department store sales actually fell 0.7 percent in December after rising 0.3 percent in November, and retail business at all stores - excluding the volatile automobile business - rose 0.6 percent last month after dipping 0.2 percent in November.

Edward Johnson, who compiles the closely watched Johnson Red-

Cathay's Attentive Attendants Get Fed Up

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - Cathay Pacific Airways' campaign to cut costs received an embarrassing setback Thursday when flight attendants called a surprise strike, forcing cancellations and wide-spread delays in the Asian and transcontinental service of Hong Kong's pre-eminent carrier.

Tempers flared at Hong Kong's Kai Tak Airport as Cathay flight attendants, who are normally portrayed by the company for their geniality in helping passengers "arrive in better shape." turned on management with a vengeance.

"This will go on for a long, long time," said Rachel Varghese, a member of the executive committee of the Fight Attendants Union. "It is gaining momentum as more people return to

Cabin crew arriving at Kai Tak to report for duty were mobbed by two groups, Reuters reported. Strikers tried to persuade colleagues to join them while management tried to get them to work.

[Cathay Pacific's commercial director, Michael Thacker, said at a news conference that the dispute, which flared up Wednesday night, had spread overseas. "Some of our crews in outports have indicated they don't want to fly," he said.

[Efforts were under way to persuade staff at airports in Asia, Europe and North America to go back to work, but the latest figure was that

13 of Thursday's 31 incoming flights had been delayed, Reuters reported.]

The dispute, which has been simmering for months, underscores the airline's dilemma as it struggles to maintain its margin of profit while the costs of operating from Hong Kong, with its nearly 10 percent annual rate of inflation, rise faster than revenue.

The company has recently moved its principal computing operations to Australia and some of its accounting department to Guangzhou, in

The strike over staffing levels 'will go on for a long, long time.'

Rachel Varghese, union executive

China, in a bid to save money. It is also planning to base more of its pilots and cabin crews in relatively inexpensive cities in Europe, North America and Asia.

"It is all related to the productivity gains which Cathay is trying to make in its business," said Sheldon Kasowitz, an airline analyst at Jardine Fleming Broking. "They have to balance keeping workers happy and motivated and

keeping down costs." The extent of the walkout shows how badly they have failed, he added. "This is really the first time that the union has had any bite at all. It's an important precedent."

The flight attendants say the airline is understaffed and that they resent being asked to fill in for absent colleagues above or below their normal levels of seniority. Management says such requests are rare but necessary.

"The company considers it desirable for staff to occasionally work in different positions." Mr. Thacker said.

Talks between management and the union, which claims to represent 85 percent of the airline's 4,009 cabin-crew staff, broke down late Wednesday. Minutes later, 29 attendants refused to service a London-bound flight, which was subsequently canceled.

The strike spread Thursday, disrupting the airline's entire schedule. Many passengers complained that they were not informed of the potential delays and were given little help making alternative plans. But Mr. Thacker asserted that the airline had managed to operate the majority of its flights.

Negotiations between the company and the union did not resume Thursday and both sides said it was up to the other to take the next step. The longer the strike continues, analysts said. the more Cathay Pacific will be hurt. "It's a service company. Their plane is the same as any other airline's," Mr. Kasowitz said. "No matter how much management downplays the prob-

lem, it behooves them to settle.

market reacted favorably Thursday to the recovery of balance.

"When we first initiated this, our intention was to put in a new leisure-travel pricing structure," said Jim Faulkner, a Northwest

of fare cuts was under way, similar to last spring's disastrous round. Northwest said that it would give a 20 percent discount for two people traveling together, 30 percent for three and 40 percent for four or more, all with advance purchase and Saturday-night-stay requirements.

Quickly, Delta Airlines announced its own version of cuts, slashing TWA all came in with versions of the Northwest cuts.

On Wednesday, Northwest said it would end the blanket cutbacks on Jan. 17. Delta quickly followed suit.

and UAL on review with negative implications. The move affected \$19.5 billion worth of securities. S&P said it considered the continued operation of bankrupt rival airlines, recession in important overseas markets and foreign investment in U.S. carriers. (WP, Reuters, UPI)

Japan Air Lines Decides to Slash Costs — Again The latest restructuring plan fol- routes will be reduced, notably on from 40 three-man teams to 100 by

TOKYO - Japan Air Lines an-

nounced Thursday its second major reorganization in six months hih a series of extensive cost-cutting measures. The company said that capital

investment in the next five years would be 1 trillion yen (\$7.97 biltion), 600 billion yen less than the five-year plan announced last year. To cope with mounting losses, the airline said it would cut costs by

reducing salaries, cutting advertis-ing and hiring lower-paid non-Jap-anese cabin attendants. The airline said the cuts, along with reduced investment, would save it 100 billion yen by March 1994.

The airline said it aimed to break even in 1993-94 before posting a profit in 1994-95 and restoring dividend payments the year after that.

The parent company expects a pretax loss of 50 billion yen in financial 1993, on sales of 1.05 trillion yen. It posted a 1992 loss of 6.04 billion yen on sales of 1.11

sures and staff changes announced last June. Management said that flights a week to nine. the new cuts would be concentrat-

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options on a further 29. The airline also said it planned to increase the domestic side of its business to 40 percent of total business by March 1998, up from a current 30 percent. Domestic traffic is more profitable than international, but All Nippon Airways flies the bulk of Japan's domestic

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> tio of foreigners among the 6,000 cabin crew members was to be raised sharply, from around 8 percent to 30 percent "as soon as pos-sible." The number of foreign flight crews is to be more than doubled

Analysts said the aggressive plan

was a positive step for the troubled carrier but would not be enough to allow the airline to meet its forecast of breaking even in the year through March 1994.

Kumiko Takase, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities. projected that Japan Air Lines would still post a loss in the year to March 1994, although she changed her forecast from a loss of 30 billion yen to one of 23 billion yen.

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

IBM Loses AAA Rating

NEW YORK - International Business Machines Corp. lost its last major triple-A bond rating Thursday, when Standard & Poor's Corp. cut its long-term debt to AA-minus, citing weakness in the mainframe computer market.

About \$19 billion of debt was affected at IBM and three subsidiar-

ies. In March, Moody's Investors Service had reduced IBM's rating to Aa2, which is slightly higher than the new S&P level. Both ratings

S&P said the market for mainframe computers, IBM's bread-andbutter product, had been expected to decline over time. But a recent "precipitions drop in demand" represented a "serious concern" for the company. S&P offered a mixed assessment of IBM's restructuring plans but said its "conservative financial policies and considerable liquidity support a rating at the lower end of the double-A category."

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year's dismal season.

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Rethink of Fare Cuts Lifts Airline Stocks

The U.S. airline industry, with one foot over the precipice of a new fare war, has begun scrambling for firmer ground, and the stock

Northwest Airlines, which this week announced new deep-discount fares for accompanied travelers, sharply limited them to a few cities on Wednesday; there were signs that other carriers were cutting back on their initial plans to match each other's cuts.

spokesman. "It now looks like it's taking on the dimensions of a fire sale and the industry can't afford to see that happen." When Northwest made its move, there were lears that a new spiral

fares where it is in competition with Northwest by 20 to 40 percent. American Airlines matched Delta's cuts. United, Continental and

In New York, Delta's stock rose a sharp \$3,50 to close at \$53 while the stock of AMR Corp., American's parent, rose \$2 to \$69 and that of UAL Corp., parent of United, jumped \$5.125 to \$130.375. The Dow transportation average gained 29.41 points to close at 1.496.34. Separately, Standard & Poor's put the debt ratings of AMR, Delta

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(a) line 2 : delete "short term" and replace with "day"
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EUROPEAN FUTURES

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The 1993 rally in technology stocks gained momentum Thursday, pushing the key over-the-counter index to its third

record close this week. Leading computer companies such as Intel, Digital Equipment, and Compaq Computer fueled a rise Exchange, rose 7% to 42%. in the overall market, as investors become increasingly optimistic about the industry's prospects.

The Nasdaq over-the-counter in-dex soared 8.92, to 695.70. The

N.Y. Stocks

Standard & Poor's Electronic Semiconductor Index, which tracks the five largest independent makers of computer chips, rose 7.00, to a 10-year high of 144.71.

Elsewhere in the broader market, the Dow Jones industrial average was less impressive. The blue-chip average edged up 4.23 points, to 3,267.88, although advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered decliners by about a 2-to-1 ratio.

"It's a couple of stocks, namely J.P. Morgan and Merck, that held back the Dow," said Edward Collins, executive vice president of institutional trading at Daiwa Securities America. Morgan slumped 31/8 to 611/2 on lower-than-expected earnings. Merck fell 1% to 42 after Morgan Stanley cut earnings estimates on several pharmaceuticals

Digital Equipment ignited a buying frenzy in technical issues, reporting a narrower-than-expected loss for its second quarter. "DEC really did it this morning," said Thom Brown of Rutherford Brown & Catherwood. DEC, the most-active issue on the New York Stock

It was followed by Kodak, which gained 11/2 to 491/4 after the company told managers they would have buy shares in the company.

American depositary receipts in Vodafone were third, up 1 to 6314, recovering from a recent 4-point drop linked to competition from British Telecom.

The big-name computer issues, which have been strong in recent weeks, added to their gains. Intel, the most-active OTC issue, rose 2% to 113. "Intel reported fabulous earnings yesterday, and that initiated the rally in Nasdaq stocks," said Barry Berman, head trader at Robert W. Baird & Co. "Now, it seems almost every computer company is

Motorola soared 11 to 123%, catapulted by record results for the fourth quarter and an even rosier outlook for 1993, analysts said. Atmel Corp., one of the smaller semiconductor makers, surged 1% to 18. The company reported

Even IBM tose, adding 1, to 48¼. (Reuters, Bloomberg, UPI)

Despite Data, the Dollar **Rises on Short Covering**

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar rose slightly on Thursday as a late rally erased losses caused by mushy U.S.

The rally was triggered by chartwatching traders and was fed by the covering of short positions, market participants said.

The U.S. currency gained a little against the Deutsche mark, to

Foreign Exchange

1.6243 DM from Wednesday's closing 1.6220 DM, and against the yen, to 125.845 ven from 125.665. The dollar rose to 5.5030 French francs from 5.4985 and to 1.4850 Swiss francs from 1.4836. The pound slid to \$1.5375 from \$1.5493.

Robert A. Brusca, chief economist for Nikko Securities Co., said the dollar "sagged early following the economic news."

The Labor Department reported producer prices rose 0.2 percent in December. The department also said initial claims for state unemployment insurance rose 52,000 in ported retail sales increased 1.2 percent in December to a seasonaladjusted \$166.7 billion.

"Retail sales were still upward the inflation news was pretty good. but when I look at these numbers I think the economy isn't going to be as strong as people expect in the first half of the year," Mr. Brusca said.

"Clinton doesn't have his team in place, and the sense of aimless-ness he shows will hurt the dollar," the economist said. "I think there's going to be a rethinking about how strong the U.S. economy really is." Despite all this, the dollar spiked

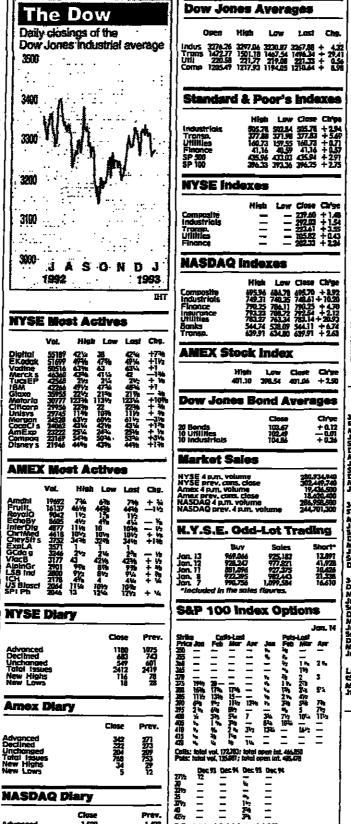
in the afternoon as traders covered positions taken during the declines Wednesday and early Thursday. "Dealers thought the dollar would easily test 1.6120 marks" as

it moved down, said Tom Moore,

senior director at American Express Bank. "When it didn't, they started buying it back." The initial upward move "set off stops at 1.6250, 1.6260, all the way

up," said Keith Cheveralls of Nippon Credit Bank, referring to stoploss trades ordered ahead of time by the week ended Jan. 2. to 343,000. short sellers to cover themselves in

reporting strong results." fourth-quarter net income more than fivefold, to \$4.72 million.



SALES: Up Modestly, Prices Too

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Lower income-tax rehates this

year also are expected to crimp

buyers, as are limited employment

prospects. New unemployment

claims issued Thursday for the

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Miller Buys 20% of Molson

TORONTO (Bloomberg) — Philip Morris Cos. said Thursday its Miller Brewing Co. unit would pay \$273 million for a 20 percent stake in Molson Breweries, acquiring the right to sell Molson and Foster's beer in the Vision Science of the Property of the Proper the United States.

"It's a key step in our global expansion," said Mike Brophy, a Miller spokesman. "It just makes sense.

Once the sale is completed, Moison Cos. and Foster's Brewing Group of Australia, which now jointly own Molson Breweries, will each hold 40 percent of the brewing company. The purchase builds on Philip Morris's December acquisition of a 7.9 percent stake in Fomento Economico Mexicano SA, Mexico's largest brewer.

Technology Earnings Surge

Several major U.S. computer, semiconductor and software companies reported sharply higher carnings Thursday.

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Microsoft Corp., riding strong sales of its flagship Windows operating system, said earnings rose 35 percent in its second quarter ended Dec. 31, to \$236 million or 78 cents a share from \$175 million or 60 cents a share a year earlier. Revenue jumped 38 percent to \$938 million.

Motorola Inc., the third-largest U.S. chipmaker, said the recovery in the electronics industry sent fourth-quarter net up 43.6 percent to \$181 million, or \$1.35 a share, from \$126 million, or 96 cents, a year ago. "They don't see any letern in demand for semiconductors across their entire don't see any let-up in demand for semiconductors across their entire

line," said Mona Eraiba, analyst for ATI Financial Corp. Digital Equipment Corp. said its loss narrowed to \$73.9 million, or 57 cents a share, in its Dec. 26 quarter, from \$155.2 million, or \$1.25, a year ago. The loss was smaller than expected and showed Digital had cut costs in the first three months under the new chief executive. Robert Palmer. Apple Computer Inc. reported one of the few down numbers, with netncome in the Dec. 25 quarter slipping 2.8 percent to \$161.3 mallion,

despite a 7.4 percent rise in sales. J.P. Morgan Trading Results Weak

NEW YORK (Reuters) — J.P. Morgan & Co. reported higher annual profit Thursday, but weak results from trading in financial markets in the fourth quarter triggered a plunge in the blue chip's stock, of \$3.125 to a closing \$61.50.

Morgan said its net income last year rose 21 percent from 1991, to \$1.38 billion, while profit in the fourth quarter rose 11 percent to \$298 million. Revenue from trading results of \$200 million for the fourth quarter was the bank's third-lowest in three years, however. In the third quarter, which was a strong one for banks engaged in trading because of volatile currency markets, Morgan chalked up trading revenue of \$313 million.

Icahn Offers Plan to Reorganize E-II

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — The financier Carl C. Icahn, who stepped down last week as chairman of Trans World Airlines Inc., is seeking bankruptcy court permission to file a competing reorganization plan for E-II Holdings Inc., court documents showed.

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E-II Holdings, the parent company for Samsonite luggage, McGregor menswear and Culligan water-treatment equipment, has been operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since July 1992. Mr. Icahn holds a large share of E-II's junior bonds.

Swaps Exempted from Most Rules

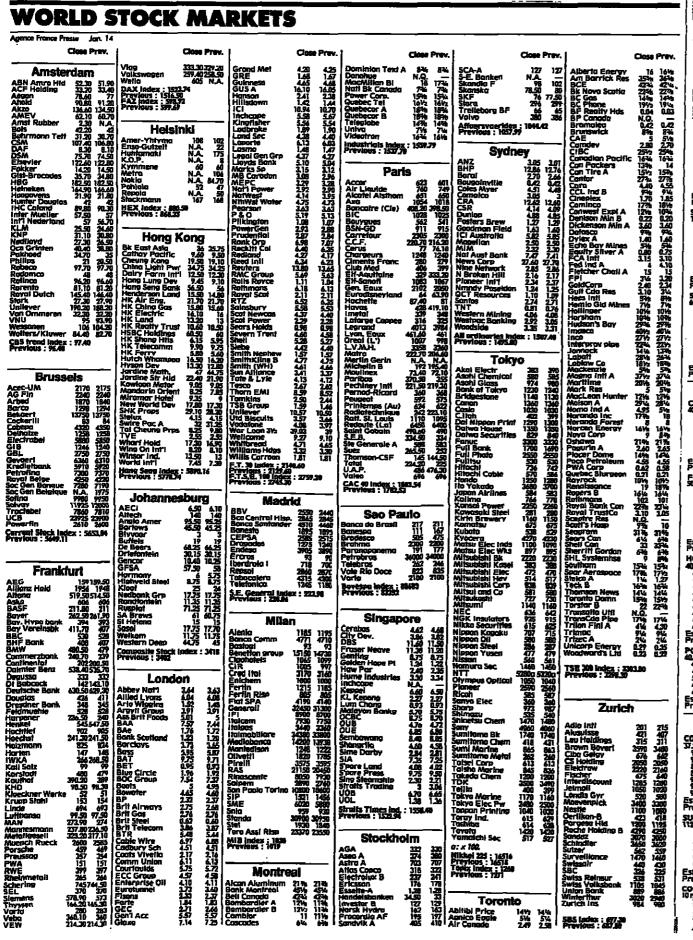
WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators voted Thursday to exempt swaps from most market regulations but not from anti-fraud and market-manipulation rules.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which oversees the commodity futures markets, voted unanimously for a package of rules changes that exempt from federal regulation a big part of the estimated \$4 trillion market in interest-rate and currency swaps.

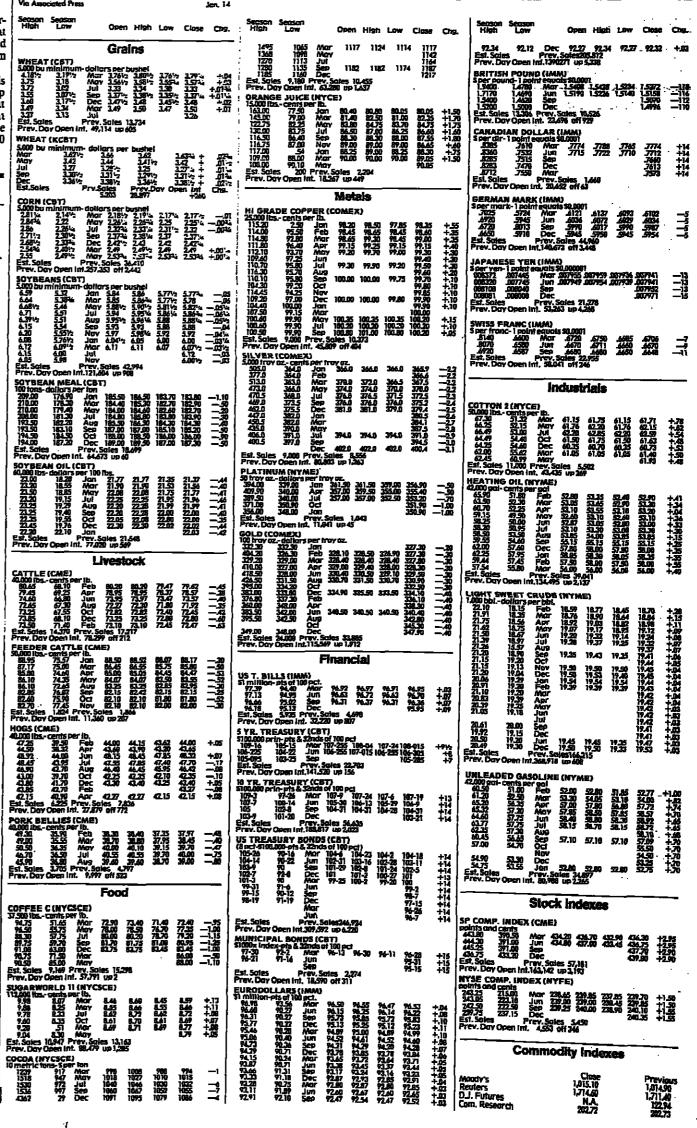
The commission kept intact provisions against fraud and market

manipulation, which had been a major concern of Representative Glenn English, Democrat of Oklahoma.

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TSB Opens U.K. Bank Blues

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune LONDON - The first of Britain's big banks reported its results for 1992 on Thursday, and once again the news was not good. TSB Group PLC reported that record operating profits in its latest year of £648 million (\$999 million) had

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been all but swallowed whole by bad-debt provisions of £597 million. The chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison, pinned much of the blame on the "depression in the property market." That was widely seen as bad news for Barclays PLC which has the largest exposure to the property sector. Analysis have estimated that soured real estate loans could force Barclays, Britain's biggest bank, to post a loss of as much as £500 million for 1992.

The huge provisions at TSB caught analysts by surprise. "One does feel that bad debts have probably peaked, but we've said that before and in 12 months time we may be saying it again," said Hugh Pye at Robert Fleming Securities.

The biggest problem for TSB last year continued to be its corporate lending arm, Hill Samuel. The bank took £1.8 billion of bad and doubtful debts — much of them property-related - out of that unit last month and transferred them to a new Loan Administration Unit. Provisions on that £1.8 billion now total 49 percent. That boosted TSB's provisions against total loans to 8 percent, twice the level of Midland Bank PLC and roughly four times the figure at the other three clearing banks.

Hill Samuel's problems reflect great deal in 1993."

Naturest Cleared On Blue Arrow

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - National Westminster Bank PLC and its former chief executive, Tom Frost, were cleared by the government Thursday of any wrongdoing in the 1987

Blue Arrow share scandal. The exoneration will boost the chances of NatWest's chairman, Lord Alexander, who is one of the candidates to succeed Robin Leigh-Pemberton as governor of the Bank of

England later this year.
Blue Arrow issued £837 million (\$1.3 billion) of shares to buy Manpower Inc. When the issue flopped, County NatWest secretly and illegally bought a large number of shares, then took a big loss in the market (Reuters, AFP)

an ill-considered attempt to grow its market share rapidly in the late 1980s. "If you tried really hard to make bad loans you could not have

done worse," Mr. Pye said. The normally wary Sir Nicholas sounded a rare hopeful note, saying that "there appear to be grounds for cautious optimism" in the economy because of recent cuts in interest rates and the devaluation of the pound. But although he predicted a recovery "in due course," he quickly conceded that "I don't look for a

pretax profit of £43 million in the year ended Oct. 31, 1992, compared with a loss of £47 million a Of France

year earlier, when provisions to-taled an even higher £654 million. PARIS - France's central bank TSB's record operating result, will be set free of government conwhich generally exceeded market trol this year no matter which party wins the legislative elections in expectations, owed largely to continuing successes in cutting costs. March, Finance Minister Michel "I think the other banks will fall into a similar pattern, reporting

Sapin said on Thursday.

The bank will be given its independence in order to "reassure the market that the stability of the franc is no longer a matter of public debate," Mr. Sapin said at a meeting of American and British journalists.

He said this was a commitment of all the major parties. Earlier this week, Edouard Balladur, the opposition politician considered a leading candidate to become prime minister after the elections, said he would make the central bank independent by July if he were elected.

planned for this year. In the last three years the bank has shed 9,000 Mr. Sapin said that in approving jobs in its continuing businesses.

The parlous condition of Britthe Maastricht treaty on European union, the French people had also voted for the bank's becoming inain's housing market was clearly in dependent and its eventually joinevidence in the results of TSB's ing the Bundesbank in the pro-Mortgage Express unit. The now-discontinued unit has 45,000 mortposed European central bank.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said the 1993 budget deficit would be "a little greater" than the target of 165 billion francs (\$30 billion), Bloomberg Business News reported. The deficit was 188 billion

francs in 1992. Mr. Bérégovoy said the govern-ment would transfer 5 billion francs from current spending plans to help plug a 20 billion franc shortfall in the finances of the state

retirement system.

Independence Siemens Sees Flat Soon for Bank Earnings for 1993

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MUNICH - Siemens AG announced Thursday better-than-expected earnings for the quarter ended Dec. 31, lifting both Siemens shares and the Frankfurt stock market, but it forecast that group profit for the 1993 financial year,

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show any rise. "We don't expect profits to be up on last year," said Karl-Hermani Baumann, a member of the board of management of the electronics and engineering company, at a press conference. "Pd say profits will be flat."

ending next Sept. 30, would not

"Siemens has had a good year but will have to switch to a slower pace this year," said the chief executive, Heinrich von Pierer, noting particular weakness in the compa ny's semiconductor and U.S. operations. Siemens was "prepared for leaner times" after five years of net profit growth, Mr. von Pierer said. Net profit for the first quarter, however, rose 2 percent to 406 million Deutsche marks (\$248.7 million), while sales climbed 4.3 per-

cent to 16.9 billion DM. Siemens' share price rose 5.90 DM to 578.90 DM on the news, sparking a broad rally on the mar-ket in which most blue chips were favored and the DAX index of 30 leading shares rose 7.24 points to 1,523.74.

Group net profit rose 9 percent to 1.95 billion DM in financial 1992, while sales climbed 7.5 percent to 78.51 billion DM. Manage-

ment said it expected that sales would rise 7 percent to about 84 billion DM in financial 1993.

"The company makes semiconductors and power generators, medical engineering and auto parts," said Hans-Peter Wodniok, an analyst in Frankfurt with James Capel. "Most of the time a healthy profit from one division can compensate for losses on another. But now, with a worldwide recession lingering, it seems all divisions are

sailing into rough waters." To improve its profitability, Siemens said it planned to clamp down on costs and would shed more than 10,000 employees by October, mainly in the loss-ridden computer and

riconductor divisions. At the end of 1992, Siemens em-ployed 410,000 people worldwide, down from 413,000 on Sept. 30.

The computer division, Siemens Nixdorf, or SNI, plans to lay off about 6,000 workers by the end of 1995, said Mr. von Pierer. Another 2,000 jobs will go at the semiconductor unit and 1,800 from Siemens medical-engineering division.

"Our main source of losses remains Siemens-Nixdorf and semiconductors," said Mr. Baumann. He projected a combined loss from the two of about 1 billion DM this

financial vear. Siemens' operations in the United States have also suffered, with recession and the steep appreciation of the mark causing losses of

428 million DM. (Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters)

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stake in the company to 9.24 percent from under 5 percent; a spokesman, Piet Mol, said the fund denied that the transaction had anything to do with ousting the investor Torstein Hagen from the board. • Tabacalera SA, the Spanish state-owned food and tobacco company.

• I anacasera SA, the Spanish state-owned 100d and 100acco company, said RJR Nabisco Inc. had offered 17 billion pesetas (\$147 million) for its Royal Brands unit; Tabacalera wants to sell 100 percent and said RJR was considering increasing its offer to that level.

• Rank Organization, Britain's biggest leisure group, said lower consumer spending cut pretax profit to £230.1 million (\$355 million) in the year to Oct. 31, 1992, from £250.5 million a year earlier.

 Whithread PLC, following cuts by Guinness earlier this week, said it would lay off 321 workers when it closes its Sheffield Brewery and reorganizes its headquarters and distribution operations.

Crédit Lyonnais became the first foreign bank to open a Hanoi branch.

LEICA: Camera Maker With Cult Following Bets on German Reputation

(Continued from page 1)

second. In Solms, a small town north of Frankfurt, workers grind lenses and assemble cameras by hand in a laboratory environment, testing their handiwork at each stage. Leica turns out as many cameras in a year as some of its competitors in a few weeks. Sales of Mseries rangefinder and R-series single-lens-reflex cameras run around 20,000 a year.

A Leica is not for everyone. Manual craftmanship has its price, and a basic Leica can easily run into the thousands of dollars, costing three times as much as a "comparable" top-of-the-line Nikon, according to Rudolf Hillebrand. editor of a photography newsletter named Photo Deal and the German translator of The Leica Collectors Guide, due out this summer.

Leica cameras are sometimes penalized in consumer products sur-

veys because of their high price, in

Nevertheless, said Mr. Hille-brand: "It would be too bad if the market forced Leica to give up. A Leica is a cult object, like a Ferrari among cars or a Rolex among watches."

The worst that can be said about Leica, specialists agreed, is that some people buy the cameras for the name and defeat the purpose of top-notch engineering by enlarging photographs or displaying slides taken with a Leica on less exacting equipment

"Everyone sees the camera hanging around the neck, but no one sees the enlarging equipment," not-ed Mr. Hillebrand.

Mr. Simon has a ready response to such criticism. "The name Leica does have a certain prestige value, but that will only last five years if it is not constantly supported by an the small 35mm camera know extraordinary performance," he the Leica was unsurpassed."

said. "A Leica photographer wants his camera and lenses to last 25

strong operating profits but also

that bad debts remain high," said Mark Rosison of Nikko Securities.

Analysts noted that all the Brit-

ish banks still had considerable

scope to reduce costs. "For years

the banks were notorious for poor-ly controlling costs, something

which the recession is now forcing

them to correct," said David Pont-

ney at the Collin Stewart broker-

age. TSB shed 1,000 jobs last year, with a similar number of losses

gages, 6,600 of which are in arrears

Shares in National Westminster

Bank PLC rose 17 pence to 414 pence after it reported that its U.S. subsidiary, NatWest Bancorp Inc.

returned to profit in 1992, Reuters

reported from London. Bancorp

said it had net income of \$155.67

million, compared with a loss of

\$371.51 million in 1991.

■ Natwest Gains in U.S.

of six months or more.

years or more," he said. The first Leica, a prototype, was built in 1914 by Oskar Barnack, an amateur photographer working in the Wetzlar optical factory of Ernst Leitz

When a commercial version was introduced at the Leipzig trade fair in 1925, the miniature camera was still an anomaly among its bigger. bulkier cousins of the day and innovative in its use of 35mm movie film rather than solid photographic plates. In addition, the Leica's shutter was virtually silent.

David Travis, curator of photography at the Art Institute of Chicago, wrote in the 1989 catalog to an exhibit titled "On the Art of Fixing

a Shadow-' "For the photographer who desired to record life surreptitiously, the small 35mm camera known as

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reloaded with another small glass plate or sheet of film after each exposure. Thus it was common for photographers to plant themselves

and await the movement of the subject to resolve itself within the frame. The Leica allowed them a new agility in the flux of the changing situation itself," he wrote. That agility was popularized in the late 1920s and 1930s by Paul Wolff, another amateur photogra-

pher who won a Leica in 1926 and went on to become a famous Leicaphotographer, and by photojournalists such as Hungarian-born Robert Capa.

ca's research and development activities, a modest 2.5 million DM a great time to set up a dealer netyear, is "further development of our current line," not newfangled innovations such as autofocus sin- auto executives said they believed gie-lens-reflex cameras.

CARS: The Long Route to Japan

European Business Council's automotive committee, reckoned it would take about five years before imports by foreign makers returned to their 1990 level of 222,000 units. Overall imports will more than double over the period, however, as Japanese companies bring in more cars from their U.S. operations to help reduce Tokyo's trade surplus with Washington.

Restrictions prevented Western automakers from setting up dealer networks in the decades after World War II, when land was cheap and foreign superiority in automaking was unassailable. Only in 1989 was the final barrier removed, a 26 per-Mr. Simon said the focus of Leicent luxury tax on imports. The late '50s and '60s would have been a

work," a GM executive said. Still, in the long run, Western they could double or triple their

"Many hand cameras had to be (Continued from first finance page) market share. This, however will

But Jiro Yanase, still smarting from the loss of the VW contract which represented more than half his business, said the Western automakers were wrong to strike out on their own. "They are making a mistake because they don't understand Japan," said Mr. Yanase, a feisty 77year-old known for his acerbic comments. "They haven't got a chance."

■ EC-Japan Trade Talks Japan and the European Com-

munity agreed Thursday to hold annual consultations to promote bilateral industrial cooperation and discuss industrial policy and its effect on trade, Agence France-Presse reported from Brussels.

Officials said the initiative was decided by the Japanese minister for international trade and industry, Yoshiro Mori, and Martin ngemann, the EC commissioner for internal markets.

Sold: Maxwell's Last Cigar

LONDON - A bugged table lamp with which the late British publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell may have eavesdropped on his family sold at a London auction on Thursday for four times its expected value.

Malcolm Gordon, a London dealer, paid £350 (\$540) for the lamp, describing it as "an interesting find." The lamp was part of the sale of the contents of the disgraced tycoon's former Oxford mansion, Headington Hill Hall.

Sotheby's realized a total of nearly £300,000 from the sale. Mr. Maxwell's last cigar, sold in a silver cigar box, fetched £368. Among the other items sold was a drinking-glass collection, including a glass given to Mr. Maxwell by Britain's Serious Crime Squad. The highest price paid at Thursday's auction was £12,650 for a

pair of satinwood Victorian card tables.

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REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

Implementation of a cellular network for 500,000 lines as a part of the plan of generalization of the telecommunication sector throughout the Lebanese Territory

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

In order to implement the government policy to fulfill Lebanon's needs in various public utility services, including the enhancement and development of the telecommunication sector performance,

And aiming to undertake the necessary measures to reach a minimum service density of 35% in telecommunications, which would be in accordance with the requirements of the new century,

And as the data accumulated in the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications (MPT), and incorporated in the National Emergency Reconstruction Program (NERP), indicates the necessity to provide a minimum capacity of 1.5 million subscriber lines; the MPT intends to meet these needs as follows:

500,000 subscriber lines through implementation of the cellular network 500,000 subscriber lines through rehabilitation and modernization of the existing network.

500,000 new subscriber lines through extension of the existing network

The government has initiated separate measures to modernize, develop and extend the existing network; consequently the (MPT) and the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) announce the intention to achieve 500,000 subscriber lines through implementation of a modern digital mobile radio cellular system covering all the Lebanese Territory and capable of being extended to 700,000 lines, whenever needed, through BOT concept and according to the following program:

Phase | : Within six month from contract notification date 100,000 lines covering all the Lebanese terriroty

Phase II : Within the 12 month from the completion date of Phase I 200,000 lines covering all the Lebanese territory

Phase III : Within 12 month from the completion date of Phase II

150,000 lines to Intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon.

Within 12 month from the completion date of Phase III 50,000 lines to intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon. <u>Phase IV</u> : 100,000 lines to intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon whenever needed

: Within 12 month from the completion date of phase IV <u>Phase V</u> 100,000 lines to intensify the coverage throughout Lebanon whenever needed.

A mobile radio-cellular system of the GSM type will be implemented on the basis of the BOT concept as described in Terms of Reference prepared for this purpose to include all the technical, administrative, financial and

operational conditions. This project will be executed under the supervision of engineers and consultants appointed by MPT and CDR.

The contractors capable of executing such a project are invited to apply for pre-qualification.

Reasons for not pre-qualifying any firm or consortium need not be given, and no costs incurred in pre-qualification will be reimbursed. Invitations for bidding will only be sent to firms or consortia which are pre-qualified.

The MPT and CDR Invite contracting firms and consortia interested in bidding to obtain pre-qualification documents starting January 15, 1993 from the:

Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)

Tallet El-Seray , Beirut-Lebanon

Pre-qualification bids with all supporting material shall be submitted at CDR offices no later than March 3, 1993 at

Airlines Look to Heavens for Guidance

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - Major airlines on Asia-Pacific routes, citing the growing congestion of airspace and airports, are urging the region's governments to introduce new satellite communications and tracking technology.

The technology, known as the Future Air Navigation System, or FANS, is being tested by a number of Asia-Pacific airlines with the backing of national authorities and the International Civil Aviation Organization, a UN agency promoting the system for global use.

FANS would largely replace today's ground-based system, which relies on radar and highfrequency radio, with communication, navigation and traffic management based on satellites.

Radar has a maximum range of just over 200 miles (320 kilometers), while radio is subject to atmospheric disturbance. But FANS allows air

traffic controllers to track and communicate with aircraft virtually anywhere in the world.

Peter Sutch, chairman of Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., said FANS was the single most urgent project requiring regional endorsement because it "could dramatically improve the efficient use of airspace in the Asia-Pacific region."

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FANS relies on four voice- and data-communication satellites operated by Immarsat, a consortium owned by more than 60 countries. For navigation, it uses Global Positioning System satellites operated by the U.S. government and similar satellites controlled by Russia.

The satellites have been in orbit for a number of years. The main breakthrough is in miniaturized receiving, processing and transmitting equipment being fitted to aircraft to enable them to draw information from and communi-

cate with the ground via the satellites. Western avionics companies such as Honeywell and Rockwell International Corp. have

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developed this equipment and software, with some Russian assistance,

Of the 10 carriers that have so far commis sioned satellite equipment, eight have signifi-cant route networks in the Asia-Pacific region.

United Airlines recently abandoned the normal fixed routes across the central and south Pacific. Its pilots use a satellite communication system to get rapid approval from ground con-trollers to change track and flight level to take advantage of the most favorable winds and weather. The airline has reported significant savings in flight time and operating costs.

Qantas is expected to spend up to 50 million Australian dollars (\$34 million) over four years to install satellite equipment on its 55 aircraft. David Massy-Greene, technical manager of the airline's Boeing 747-00 fleet, said FANS could double capacity on trans-Pacific routes by allowing aircraft to fly closer together.

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MOF Plans Move to **Ease Rates** In Japan

TOKYO - The trust-fund bureau of the Ministry of Finance will buy long-term Japanese govern-ment bonds directly from the market in an apparent attempt to stimulate Japan's weak economy by putting downward pressure on interest rates, analysts said Thursday. The purchases, expected next

week, are unusual for the bureau. It usually receives its bonds from the ministry in a special allotment.

The move may be aimed at spur-ring a cut in Japan's discount rate, analysts said. The Bank of Japan last cut the discount rate by half a percentage point, to 3.25 percent, on July 27 last year.

The bureau may be looking to force the Bank of Japan to cut the official discount rate by causing yields on bonds to fall with a large purchase," said Hideo Nakajima, a trader at Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

A fall in bond yields would cause prime lending rates to drop, which could prompt the Bank of Japan to cut the discount rate, he said. The cid on Japan's benchmark 10year government bond eased to 4.425 percent Thursday from 4.445 percent the day before.

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Analysts also said the move was an attempt to recycle back into the economy some of the enormous sums of money in postal savings deposits, which the trust-fund burean administers.

The bureau has 284 trillion yen (\$2.3 trillion) at its disposal, of which half comes from the postal savings system, they said.

A trust-fund bureau official was quoted in news reports as saying that the bureau was not looking to influence the markets. It was looking to expand its own investment opportunities, he said.

Hoping to Trim Costs, Mazda and Nissan Plan Supply Accord

TOKYO - Nissan Motor Co. and Mazda Motor Corp. said Thursday they planned to supply each other with cars, the latest in a recent wave of cooperative efforts by Japanese automakers striving

Under the contemplated agreement, Nissan is expected to end production of small pickup trucks and instead resell similar vehicles made by Mazda Mazda will resell a van made by Nissan and is

expected to discontinue its own development efforts in that category. The arrangement, which would involve vehicles to be sold in Japan, would allow the companies to reduce development costs and increase production for the models each continued to make. Spokesmen cautioned, however, that negotiations were still under way.

Such supply agreements, once rare in Japan, are becoming more common as companies search for ways to cope with slumping sales and profits, something they have rarely had to contend with in the last four decades. In addition to the slump in Japan's automobile market, the collapse of the stock market in the last three years has made it far more expensive to raise capital, so that companies can no longer afford to develop complete product lines by themselves.

So far, however, most supply agreements have been between a large Japanese company and a smaller one, or between a Japanese manufacturer and a foreign one. The Nissan-Mazda linkup is unusual in that it is between two of Japan's Big Five automobile producers. a group that also includes Toyota Motor Corp., Honda Motor Co. and Mitsubishi Motors Corp.

Among Japan's five largest automobile companies, Nissan and Mazda are considered the most troubled. Nissan is losing money and Mazda, while still profitable, is short of cash for future investments.

Mazda-Ford Deal Uncertain

TOKYO — Mazda Motor Corp., apparently worried that four-year negotiations with Ford Motor Co. to jointly make cars in Europe are running into a dead end, is considering working with other automobile companies instead.

"A decision with Ford is being delayed by the difficulty of forecasting the economic climate in Europe," a Mazda spokesman said Thursday. "But to delay too much is not a good idea. Give us another one or two months." The spokesman denied reports the idea had already been suspended.

A Mazda spokesman told AFP-Extel News, "We are also holding negotiations with several European automakers on the possibility." Last year, financial difficulties forced Mazda to abandon plans to set up an independent U.S. dealership network for huxury cars. A decision not to work with Ford, which owns a quarter of Mazda, would be a blow to the Japanese company's global ambitions, analysts said.

BROADGATE INTERNATIONAL FUND

Packer Quits Westpac Board

SYDNEY - Westpac Banking Corp. was thrown into turmoil Thursday with the announcement that Australia's richest man, Kerry Packer, had resigned from the besieged bank's board just one week

after joining it. of confidence, rather than holding on as a passive investor.

Westpac confirmed that Mr. Packer's departure followed a disagreement over the bank's program to recover from massive losses, largely on real estate lending.

Westpac said both Mr. Packer and Al Dunlap, managing director of Mr. Packer's private company, Consolidated Press Holdings Ltd. had resigned. It said the pace of its recovery program would now ac-

declined to comment. Martin Duncan, banking analyst at BT Securities, said one rumor was that the two men disagreed with the pace of change and the degree of control they would have over the bank.

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SYDNEY - Campbell Soup Co. raised Thursday its bid for the bakery group Ar-notts Ltd., which had rejected

the initial offer as insufficient. New Jersey-based Campbell lifted its bid to 9.50 Australian dollars a share from an earlier 8.80 dollars, and the stock rose to close at the new bid price. The new offer values Amotts at 1.32 billion dollars (\$884 million). Arnotts' board is to

meet Friday to consider it. The new offer, which closes on Jan. 28, is unconditional. The original offer required 50.1 percent acceptances. Campbell already owns 33 percent of Arnotts' stock.

Westpac shares fell 13 cents to 2.91 Australian dollars (\$1.96). The shares hit a nine-year low of

2.49 dollars on Nov. 9, a few weeks before Mr. Packer completed amassing his stake and disclosed it. "The share price from now on depends on whether Packer intends to sell out or whether he intends to nessman brought to his investment. The big shake-up at Westpac fol-

lows its report of a 1.56 billion dollar loss for the year to Sept. 30, 1992, and its disastrous I.2 billion rights issue that month, which closed 73 percent undersubscribed.

the jobs of the bank's chairman, managing director and five other directors since October.

Analysts said the next major test for Westpac shares would be the announcement of a new managing director to replace Frank Conroy, who resigned on Dec. 17.

Mr. Uhrig said the bank's recov ery program, which included 300 million dollars of cost cutting, would transform Westpac into a more efficient organization with fewer people.

"Between 10 to 20 percent of the bank's current positions are expected to be abolished over the next two to three years, with the majority occurring over the next 12 to 18 months," he said.

In contrast to the woes at Westpac, profit at Mr. Packer's Consolidated Press surged last year as the company disposed of assets.

Documents from the Australian Securities Commission showed that net profit ballooned to 467.1 million dollars in 1992 from 17.6 million a year earlier. The group said the sale of more than 90 companies reduced assets to 2.85 billion dollars from 4.89 billion and slashed debt to 440.6 million from 2.94

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Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. said that after studying the idea for several years, it would not participate in a project with France Telecom to develop the Minitel videotex system in Japan; NTT said Japan already had numerous on-screen information services available.

• NEC Corp. plans to double production of its multimedia personal computer to an annual rate of 200,000 units in the year to March 1994.

• Tokyn Hotel Chain Co. said it had unrealized losses on securities holdings worth 2.852 billion yen (\$22.67 million) in calendar 1992; that represents 81.5 percent of forecast pretax profit for the year.

• Bangkok Bank Ltd., enjoying bigger lending spreads, posted a 44 percent increase in net profit, to 10.5 billion baht (\$411 million), for 1992.

 Cycle & Carriage Bintang Bhd., which holds the Mercedes-Benz franchise in Malaysia; Tan Chong Motor Holdings Bhd., representing Nissan;
 UMW Holdings Bhd., the Toyota franchise, and Oriental Holdings Bhd., which sells Hondas, all rose on the Kuala Lumpur stock market after the government announced a policy making it easier to buy cars on credit.

• Lorrain Esme Osman, a former Malaysian banker charged with theft, corruption and conspiracy in connection with the collapse of the Carrian corporate empire, will go on trial in a Hong Kong court in May.

AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX, AP

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Campbell Raises Bid for Arnotts

Westpac's shares tumbled amid concerns that Mr. Packer might dump his recently acquired 9.7 percent stake in Australia's oldest bank, which could deepen its crisis

Mr. Packer and Mr. Dunlap both

Overseas Money Sloshes Into Hong Kong "It is the American and European money that has HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks kept climbing been coming into this market," said Antony Burpee,

The Hang Seng index of leading shares ended the day up 111.42 points, or 1.93 percent, at 5,890.16. It has gained 3.9 percent in two days, and 911.95 points, or 18.32 percent, since Dec. 3.

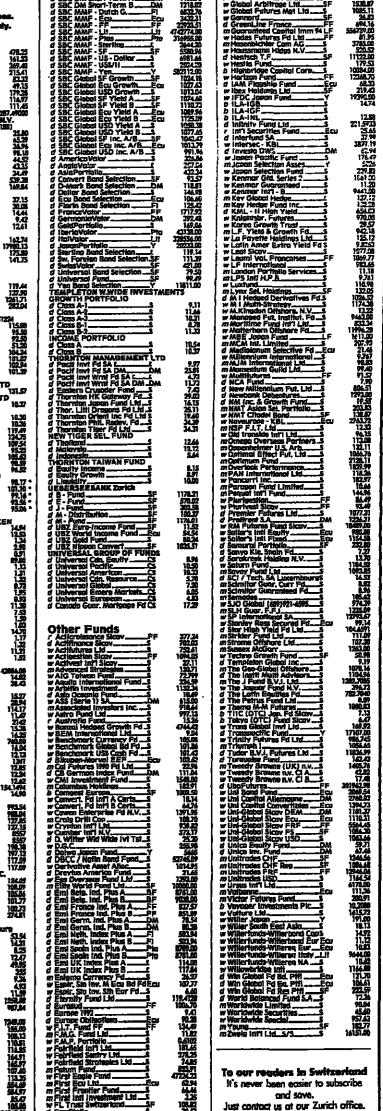
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Volume on Thursday was a relatively high 3.41 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$440.7 million).

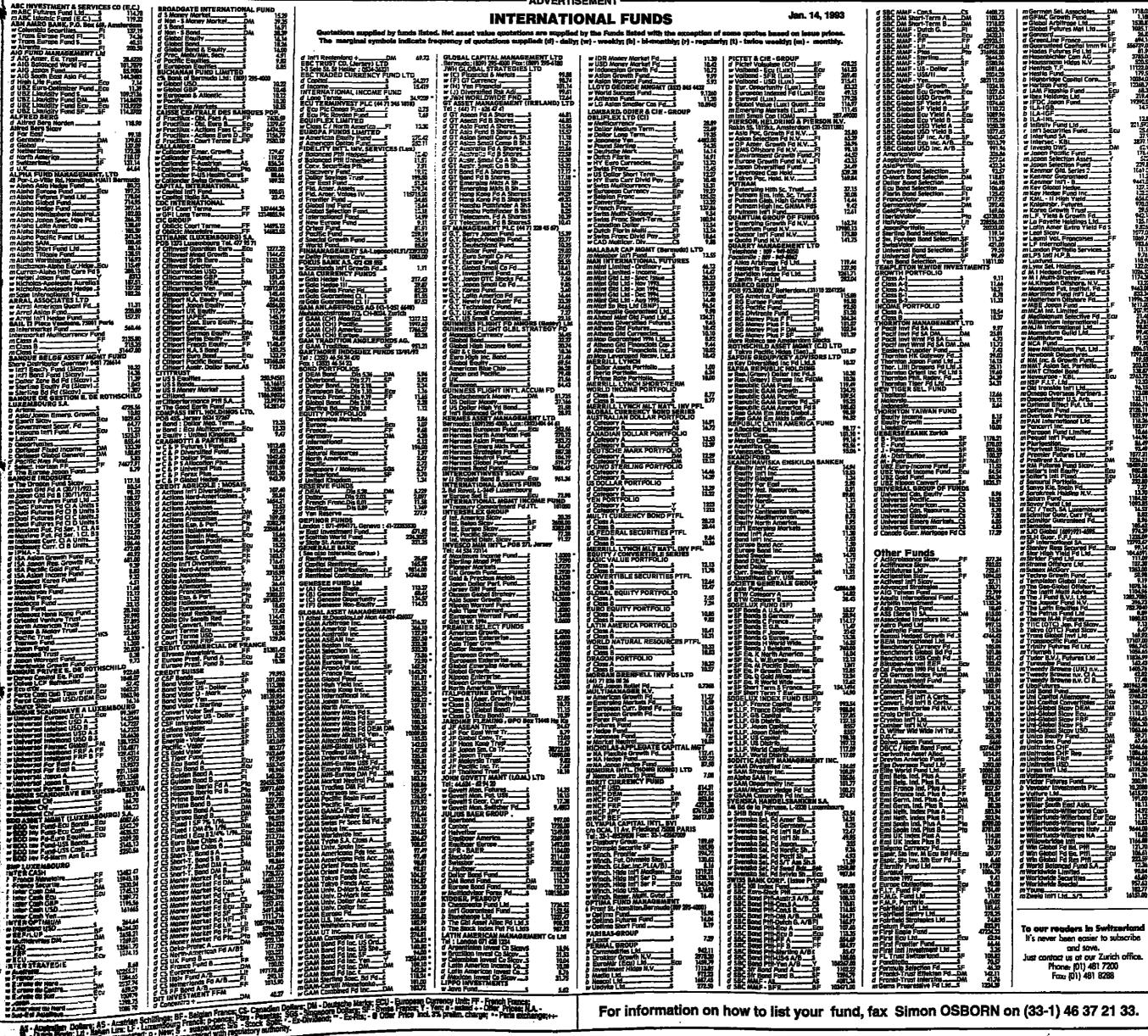
Thursday as a foreign investors poured in money on hopes of a resolution to the Chinese-British dispute senior manager at Pierson Securities (Asia). He said the strength of the U.S. dollar in recent over how much democracy to allow the territory. months was attracting money into the market as the

> "In the United States and Europe there is plenty of money sloshing around that has to find a home so there are not necessarily good fundamental reasons but a liquidity argument for the market moving," said Paul Parsons, a senior fund manager at Invesco MIM Asia.

Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the U.S. currency.



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SPORTS FOO

Kelly Will Start Sunday for Bills

By Timothy W. Smith New York Times Service

ORCHARD PARK, New York - Quarterback Jim Kelly, who did not play in the Buffalo Bills' previous two playoff games because of strained ligaments in his right knee, will start Sunday against the Dolphins in the American Football Conference championship game in

Mary Levy, the coach of the Bills, has chosen to sit down a hot quarterback in favor of one who has started in the last two Super Bowls. Frank Reich, who guided the Bills to two playoff victories to get them to the championship game, will return to the bench as Kelly's backup.

"I made the decision that I think is correct," Levy said Wednesday. "If we win the game it's the right decision. If we don't win the game we should have done the other thing. If we played Frank and Jim was O.K. and we don't win the

Jim. When you don't win, you're in a no-win situation, whether you're didn't have any complications from tough quarterback, having never Jim Kelly or whoever.'

Levy's decision produced no controversy within the Bills' camp. But it is likely to be debated around the league, especially since the Bills advanced to the championship game last weekend when Pittsburgh unsuccessfully reinstated an injured starter, Neil O'Donnell, for a pro-

ductive backup, Bubby Brister. Levy said the decision to start Kelly was based on the Bills' policy that a starter doesn't lose his job because of injury and because Kelly had been given medical clearance to return to action. Kelly took the majority of the snaps in practice on Wednesday and he said his knee felt good.

"More than anything my arm felt a lot better," Kelly said. "I felt stronger and I had a lot more zip on

Levy had made the decision to start Kelly even before the practice. Wednesday's workout — such as missed more than two games in a swelling or fluid buildup — he season with injuries. This will be

Reich reacted to his return to the bench in the same low-key way he reacted to his promotion to the starting role when Kelly was injured in the regular-season finale against Houston on Dec. 27.

"I was just hoping to keep things going until he did come back," Reich said. "When he was first injured, this was about the timetable that we expected him to come back. As much as I love to play and compete, the team has always been more important than my individual accomplishments. There's never been any doubt who the quarterback of this team has been.

Kelly, who already wears braces on both knees, will switch to lighter

would continue to practice this his second attempt at returning week and start on Sunday. Kelly is from a knee injury after a brief listed as probable on the Bills' inju-recovery period.

> In 1990 Kelly was forced from a game with the New York Giants on Dec. 15 with a partial tear in the medial collateral ligament and the cartilage behind his left knee. He missed the last two games of the season, was replaced by Reich, who was 1-1 in those games, and returned for the playoffs. Kelly's first game back was a divisional playoff contest against the Dolphins. The Bills won that game and advanced to the Super Bowl, where they lost to the Giants.

"I'm sure if he can go, he'll go," said Miami Coach Don Shula an hour before Kelly and the Bills went out to practice. "Knowing Jim and his toughness, he'll go if he



Frank Reich, left, with center Adam Lingmer after the Bills' practice: Back to backing up.

New York Times Service SANTA CLARA, California — Pierce Holt's evening ritual is to sit mesmerized in front of the television and watch "Jeopardy." He and his wife, Deana, want absolute solitude to hear host Alex Trebek's obscure answers, so first they send their three children upstairs for 30minute baths and then they shout out

The quirk is that Holt is an answer, himself, to a host of remote trivia: Name the 49ers' defensive end who is legally blind in one eye; who is named after a rancher, who played just a year of high school football; whose lifelong dream is to farm in Texas; who survived four years of odd jobs before trying college, and who was a 26-year-old rookie and who now is in the Pro Bowl?

Holt, 31, is still so innocent, he keeps an autographed photo of Randy White, the former defensive lineman of the Dallas Cowboys, in a scrapbook. This creates no conflict with his real world, in which his 49ers will play Dallas for the National

berg, 30 miles southwest of Houston. "Every snap on television. I isolated on White because he played so hard. Then, while in college. I was a lifeguard at this pool, and an older man who had recently had a heart attack always jogged in the water. We'd talk. He knew I loved Randy White, so he sent off for an autographed picture and had it mailed to my house.

"Let me tell you, on Sundays, I was

hearts. Now I'm glad Dwight did that, but not then. I remember it was a bad

Holt's voice is barely audible, for he speaks in somewhat of a whisper. Yet quarterback Mark Rypien.

Though he is listed as a defensive end, the 49ers direct him inside, over the guards. One look at his gargantuan arms, and it is easy to see why. In 1991, he was co-winner of a league arm-wrestling championship, and his signature pass-rush maneuver is a "swim move," in which he utilizes forearm strength to es-

Montana threw to Dwight Clark to beat technique." Holt said. "When I was little, us in 1982—pretty much broke all of our about 15, I used to beat some grown men. Texas. Leslie and his wife had driven about 15, I used to beat some grown men.
See, I used to do some rodeoing. I'm not proud of it, but I did a little arm wrestling

> But in high school, he weighed 180 pounds. "Had no notion I'd play football," said Holt, who has grown to 6 feet, 4 inches and 280 pounds. "Just because I liked working my dad's farm. We had soybeans, some cotton, a little bit of corn

Holt decided to play football as a high school senior, but after graduation he dived into the domesticated life as a new-

His father, Leslie, ordered Holt to enter junior college, but that lasted one semester because Deana was expecting, and the couple needed rent money. Leslie Holt had been a lifetime rancher and "The arm wrestling? Well, I have good named his son after another rancher,

Texas. Leslie and his wife had driven through the town of Pierce while she was pregnant, and it was the inspiration for ir son's name.

"People tell me Pierce is a preppy name." Holt said. "Didn't know that." For four years, Holt worked at various jobs: auto dealerships, insurance companies, mortgage companies and construc-

In the interim, his older brother, Ed, finished a successful small-college football career, and Pierce again took a fancy to the game. But because he was already 22, he had just a year of Division I eligibility remaining. His only path toward playing four years of college football was to also play small-college football, which is how he got to Division II Angelo State "I was so old, my teammates called me "Coach Holt," he said.

Four seasons later, he was a small college All-American, an academic All-American and a second-round draft selection of the 49ers. But they noticed that Holt had limited peripheral vision. He told them that he was blind in his left eye.

a result of amblyopia, or "lazy eye."

On the football field, he said, his limited eyesight is no hindrance because he can "feel" blockers — literally. Even when the 49ers once played in Chicago. with the temperature far below freezing. he went sleeveless.

He wears a shield over his helmet to protect his good eye from stray fingers, but his farm-to-49ers ordeal gets more impressive with each sack.

"Well, only goes to show scouts don't miss too many people these days," said

HGH Drug New Bane Of NFL?

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By Frank Litsky New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The National Football League, which thinks it has controlled the use of anabolic steroids, may now be facing a problem from the use of another dangerous bodybiniding drug: human growth hormone, known as HGH.

Eric Moore, the New York Gi-1 ants' starting right guard, and Mark Duckens, a Tampa Bay defensive end who played for the Giants in 1989, were arraigned Tuesday in Atlanta on an indictment by

a federal grand jury. Each was charged with three felony counts; possession of anabolic steroids with intent to distribute, possession of HGH with intent to distribute, and consouracy.

Moore and Duckens, both 27. are brothers in law. Moore was the Giants' first-round draft choice in

Both pleaded not guilty.
[Garfield Hammonds Jr., the
U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency

agent in charge of the Atlanta of arrests of NFL players in an investigation of illegal steroid and hormone trafficking, The Associated Press reported].

Anabolic steroids are artificial versions of the male sex hormone testosterone. HGH is produced in the pituitary gland or synthetically and is used to treat dwarfism.

Steroids and HGH, taken by male and female athletes in coniunction with weightlifting and high-protein diets, are believed to lead to increased muscle mass through a greater capacity for highlevel training. But the drugs are banned because their side effects may include cancer, liver damage and heart and circulatory problems.

International and national sports bodies, including the National Football League, test athletes for anabolic steroids. Testing is done in training camp and randomly for about seven players on each of the league's teams on every Monday during the season, according to a league spokesman, Greg Aiello.

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"It ends up being about 4,000 tests a year." Aiello said, "although there are still ways people try to beat it."

But there is no accepted test for HGH, which is virtually impossible to detect.

Dr. Robert Huizenga, former team doctor for the Los Angeles Raiders from 1983-90 and the physician who treated Lyle Alzado before he died of brain cancer a year ago, said he had no doubts HGH was used by some in football.

"There is no question that I have prominent, use it and feel it benefits their performance," Huizenga said. "If players feel this way, they will keep using it. If prominent players use it, lesser players will 1 follow in their footsteps.

Huizenga said that Alzado told him he began taking HGH during his comeback in 1990 with the Raiders.

"He took it straight to the time I diagnosed him with brain cancer," Huizenga said. "He was spending \$10,000, \$15,000 a year."

AND SELFISH.

Pierce Holt: Trivia Expert, Texan and the Stalwart of San Francisco

By Tom Friend

Football Conference title on Sunday. "Growing up in Texas, Randy White was my idol," said Holt, reared in Rosenresponses as if Trebek could hear them. Loser does the dishes.

By Shav Glick

Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES — It was 9:30 A.M. on

a rainy Monday at Firebird International

Raceway, an out-of-the-way road course

car, transporter, driver, mechanic or team

official on the grounds, but a couple of

dozen photographers and reporters — in-

cluding three television crews — were gathered at the track's front gate.

Italy, eagerly awaiting the appearance of Nigel Mansell, who was scheduled to take

had defected to the Indy cars of the United

States in what is undoubtedly the most

stunning switch in the history of motor

Several days later, when Mansell was at

Phoenix International Raceway to make

his debut on an oval track, the foreign

contingent had swollen to more than 60,

including reporters from four London dai-

lies and French and Italian sports week-

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his first laps in an Indy car.

They were all from England, France and

Mansell, the reigning Formula One in the Indianapolis 500.

world driving champion from England, Mansell, winner of a

hushed in the house watching the Cow-boys. In fact, 'The Catch' — the pass Joe

against Washington last Saturday, his actions spoke for him. The Redskins were pedaling toward a tying touchdown in the final minute until Holt twice sacked

cape blocks.

son." Mansell said with an infectious grin.

weeks after the PPG Cup IndyCar season

under vastly different circumstances.

Mario Andretti won the U.S. champion-

ship before winning his world title in 1978.

Two-time champion Emerson Fittipaldi

had been retired for two years before com-

ing to Indy cars. Jack Brabham, Jimmy

Clark, Graham Hill, Jackie Stewart, Denis

Hulme and more recently, Nelson Piquet,

have raced Indy cars - but primarily only

last season and the Autosport Internation-

al Racing driver of the year, is here to run

the entire season for co-owners Carl Haas

and Paul Newman in a Lola-Ford Cos-

make the move. His salary with Newman-

Haas has been said to be about \$5 million,

roughly one-third the \$14.5 million that

Forbes magazine reported he made last

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MAYBE IT'LL ALWAYS

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Mansell took an enormous cut in pay to

worth, with Andretti as his teammate.

Mansell, winner of a record nine races

opener at Surfer's Paradise, Australia.

in Chandler, Arizona. There wasn't a race raced Indy cars in the United States, but

much interest, I would have negotiated for the worldwide TV rights to the Indy sea-leaving was because of money," Mansell

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The Phoenix race is on April 4, two

Other Formula One champions have

All Eyes On Mansell as the Formula One Champ Goes Indy said, laughing, "Well, if it was about mon-ey, what the heck am I doing here? Serious-

ly, it is a several hundred percent pay cut.

I've never been motivated by money. I've

been motivated by the ambience and the professionalism of the team." Then there's the other bonus - having Mario Andretti as a teammate," Mansell added. "He's been a great help already. He took me around the oval" at Phoenix "for about 20 laps in a new Cadillac, pointing out the pitfalls of driving on an oval and how to react at different spots on the track.

"And the attitude of other Americans has been refreshing. Emmo [Fittipaldi] has offered help and advice, and when I was at Laguna Seca, Roger Penske talked with me about what to expect and how pleased everyone was that I had made the move.

"That shows you the difference between Formula One and Indy cars. In my 12 years in Formula One, I can't remember any driver, other than the late Gilles Villeneuve, ever giving me any assistance."

The 39-year-old Briton had never as

much as seen an Indy car race until last October, had never sat in an Indy car under power until last week in Arizona and had never driven on an oval track in any kind of car before last Thursday at

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"I cannot compare, I repeat cannot, Indy car champion and runner-up last compare oval racing to Formula One in year, left to drive in Formula One for the any way or form," he said in answer to the McLaren team, obvious question. "It is impossible.

"The car is heavier, four or five hundred pounds heavier, and I think the biggest elated by his teammate's performance, difference is hanging onto the car in a "I think it's fantastic," Andretti said. difference is hanging onto the car in a straight line. That sounds funny, but the "And I'd also like to say that I'm not car is set up to turn [left] into the corners. so it doesn't want to go in a straight line. This racing is a different world. It's at least as competitive as F1. if not a lot more.

"And then there's the shifting. I haven't used a manual shift in seven years. I don't still, what he did was remarkable." even know what a clutch is anymore. It's taking some getting used to. I'm almost in cut to watch his new driver: "It's great a zero-confidence zone. What comfort zone I have is that I know the car was set up perfectly for me by Mario."

So how did he do in his first outing? After 71 laps around PIR's one-mile oval, Mansell lowered his lap speeds from a tentative 28 seconds early in the going to

25.6, 23.5, 22.3, 21.6 and 21.4 on his last lap. His fastest lap averaged 168.224 mph (270.67 kph).

The track record is 171.825 mph, set by Michael Andretti, Mario's son - and the driver Mansell replaced on the Newman-Haas team. In what amounts to almost a trade of talent, Michael Andretti, the 1991

Mario Andretti, who was on hand to test the team's newer Ford-powered Lola, was

surprised. I've seen Nigel drive and he's always been quick, super quick, everywhere he's gone. A driver just doesn't

change. A quick driver is always quick in

whatever car. I'm not surprised at all, but Said Newman, who flew from Connectihaving Nigel in the car at last. I know it's ers in the NFL, and some of them going to be a great season because he's such an exciting driver."

So exciting that the 67-year-old Newman is considering a comeback, Reuters

reported. "If I can get enough seat-time to make it worthwhile, I plan to do it," he said. "I am not concerned about the dangers or my reflexes, but about my endurance."

Newman said he plans to run in the Camel Lights or the Trans-Am series. "I've been out of action too many years already," he said.

Paul Newman: Unretiring.

Nigel Mansell: "Refreshing."



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Baseball Aide Quits, Chiding the Owners

NEW YORK — Major league baseball's management has been further fragmented by the resignation of the deputy commissioner,

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Steve Greenberg, who expressed "grave concern" for the sport's fu-Greenberg in charge of office since Fay Vincent was forced out as commissioner Sept. 7, resigned Wednesday as deputy commission-

er, effective in 90 days. The 44-year-old former minor leaguer, the son of Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg, was hired by Vincent on Nov. 1, 1989, after sevcral years as a player agent. Green-berg said he had been ignored un-der the rule established by the executive council's chairman. Bud Selig, presently baseball's highest authority. Greenberg's contract was to expire on March 31, 1994.

"Sadly, I have come to the con-clusion that the job that so stimulated me and at which I worked so hard for three years no longer exists," Greenberg wrote Selig. "The deputy's job in its current configuration is not what I bargained for, and is not something I would have given up my law practice and moved my wife and children across the country to take."

"In recent weeks, I have felt increasingly underutilized and out of the loop," Greenberg added. "I will leave the commissioner's office without a trace of bitterness some considerable sadness for the shape baseball is in and grave concern for its future, to be sure, but

Greenberg's former law partner, Mickey Kantor, was chairman of President-elect Bill Clinton's campaign and has been nominated to be U.S. Trade Representative. But Greenberg said he wasn't interested in joining the Clinton administration.

Baseball Clinics Set for Europe

International Herald Tribine
WASHINGTON — Major League Baseball International will send instructors to conduct clinics in eight European cities from Jan. 15 to 31, Major League Baseball International Partners announced this week.

Bill Buckner, a coach for the Toronto Blue Jays who played 21 years in the majors, will lead one group of instructors that will hold clinics in Nordwilk, the Netherlands; Rimini, Italy, and London.

clinics in Stockholm, Prague, and Barcelona. It will be lead by Greg Riddoch, a former manager of the San Diego Pa-

Dutch Rennert, a National League umpire, will head a third group that will hold clinics in Paris and Munich.

Last year more than 1,000 coaches and umpires attended clinics in the Netherlands, France, Czechoslovakia, and Italy.

"We're going to stay in New York," Greenberg said. "We're not looking to leave. That would preclude anything in Washington."
Greenberg defended himself against owners who criticized his loyalty to Vincent.

"I was brought up to believe that one can never be too loyal to one's family, friends or teammates," Greenberg said. "But if excessive loyalty, is, in fact, one of my faults, then baseball owners should consider themselves fortunate because they, as the caretakers of the game I love, have been and continue to be the beneficiaries of that loyalty."

Selig refused to answer questions about Greenberg, but issued a statement thanking him.

■ Owners' Man Hopeful

The chief labor negotiator for the major league owners said Wednes-day he would advise his bosses not to lock out players during the 1993 season. The Associated Press reported from New York.

On the first day of collective bargaining, the Player Relations Com-mittee's president, Richard Ra-vitch, said he thought the owners would back him and hoped the Major League Baseball Players Association wouldn't strike this year. The owners voted by 15-to-13 on Dec. 7 to reopen the collective bargaining agreement a year early, creating the possibility of a lockout or strike.

■ Sabo, Dibble Re-Sign Chris Sabo and Rob Dibble have

new deals from the Cincinnati Reds, and both got big raises, The Associated Press reported. Dibble, 2-5 with 25 saves and a 3.07 ERA, got a \$950,000 raise, to

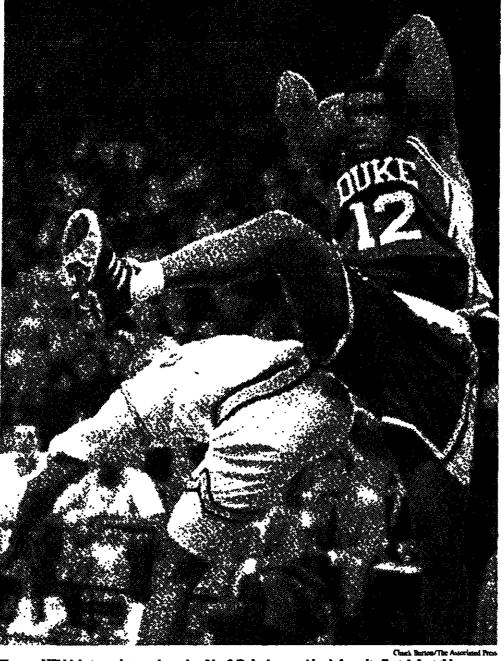
\$2.5 million. Sabo, who hit .244 with 12 home runs and 43 RBIs, got a \$350,000 raise, to \$3.1 million. John Marzano of the Boston Red Sox was the third arbitration-eligible player who agreed to a contract Wednesday, settling with Boston at \$350,000, his 1992 salary level.

Several free agents found new teams on a busy day for signings. The Texas Rangers agreed to a \$1 million, two-year deal with out-fielder Gary Redus, who was let go by the Pittsburgh Pirates after the season. Redus, who made \$825,000 in 1992, will get \$500,000 a season. The 36-year-old hit .256 last year with three home runs and 12 RBIs.

Texas also agreed to a one-year contract with pitcher Craig Lefferts with an option for 1994. Lefferts was 13-9 with a 3.69 ERA in 27 starts with the San Diego Padres last year and 1-3 and 4.09 in five E. 31.

Todd Benzinger, who became a free agent last month when he wasn't offered a contract by the Los Angeles Dodgers, agreed to a \$500,000, one-year deal with the San Francisco Giants, a \$650,000 cut. Benzinger hit .239 with four homers and 39 RBIs in 121 games

last season. The Milwankee Brewers designated first baseman Franklin Stubbs for assignment, and Cincinnati sold the contract of second baseman Bill Doran to the Milwau-



Thomas Hill highstepped to a rebound as No. 3 Duke bounced back from its first defeat this season, tucky its only lead of the second and the loss of the No. 1 ranking, to beat Wake Forest, 86-59, in an Atlantic Coast Conference game. half, 75-74, with 6:44 to go. But

No. 1 Kentucky Toppled By Vanderbilt, 101 to 86

derbilt's Memorial Gym magic, and another quick end to Kentucky's reign as No. 1 in the college basketball poll.

"I have to congratulate Vanderbilt," Kentucky's coach, Rick Pitino, said after the Commodores beat his top-ranked Wildcats 101-86, Wednesday night in Nashville, Tennessee. "They did a great job tonight. They outplayed us, and they deserved the victory. They re-minded me a lot of our team last

Billy McCaffrey scored 22 points and handed out a school-record 14

essists for the Commodores. Vanderbilt, which has a .779 winning percentage at Memorial Gym, beat the last No. 1 team to visit, North Carolina, in 1987-1988.

The Wildcats had taken over No. in The Associated Press poll Monday after Duke's loss to Georgia Tech on Sunday, the first time Kentucky had been No. 1 since 1988. That time, the Wildcats lost to Auburn in their first game with

the top ranking. Vanderbilt was ranked 18th last week but fell from the poll after losses to Memphis State and Flori-

The Commodores (12-3, 2-1 SEC) were nearly perfect at the free throw line, making 36 of 43. Ken-tucky (11-1, 2-1) found itself in foul trouble early, and by late in the game Jamal Mashburn and Rodney Dent each had four fouls and Travis Ford and Rodrick Rhodes had fouled out. Rhodes finished with 19 to lead

Kentucky. Ford had 18 and Mashburn 14.

Junior Braddy capped a 10-4 run

tage of the Wildcats' foul trouble The Hawkeyes set the record last and put away the victory with an 8- season at 37, also against Minneso-3 run capped by two free throws by Kevin Anglin with 3:32 left for an

83-78 margin.
Dan Hall helped the Commodores win the battle of the boards as he grabbed nine of Vanderbilt's 29 rebounds.

No. 3 Dake 86, Wake Forest 59: The Blue Devils (11-1, 2-1 ACC) bounced back big at Wake Forest,

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

breaking away from a 33-33 halftime tie with a 14-0 spurt as part of a 26-6 run as Bobby Hurley scored 20 of his season-high 25 points in the second half. Randolph Childress led the Demon Deacons (8-3, 0-2) with 19 points, while Rodney Rogers, coming off consecutive 30-point games, was held to 15.

No. 5 North Carolina 80, No. 8 Georgia Tech 67: The Tar Heels (13-I, 3-0 ACC) won their fifth straight and snapped the Yellow Jackets' winning streak at eight games. George Lynch and Derrick Phelps each had 20 points for North Carolina, which put the game away with an 11-3 run that

gave it a 66-51 lead with 8:24 left. Travis Best's 20 points led visiting Georgia Tech (9-2, 2-1), which was playing for the first time since ending Duke's winning streak.
No. 11 Cincinnati 72, Cleveland

State 63: The visiting Bearcats (10-1) struggled to win their seventh straight, but started the second half with a 10-0 run and the Vikings (6-4) got no closer than five the rest of the way.

No. 13 lowa 84, No. 19 Minnesota 77: Iowa (12-2, 1-2 Big Ten) set a Carver-Hawkeye Arena record

first conference game of the season. ta. Acie Earl, who had a total of 24 points in Iowa's two losses last week, had 19 against the Golden Gophers (10-2, 2-1), who were try-ing to give coach Clem Haskins his 100th win at the school.

No. 14 Virginia 100, Clemson 82: Virginia (10-0, 3-0 ACC) remained the only undefeated team in Division l as visiting Clemson (9-2, 0-2 ACC) missed 23 of its first 24 shots from the field. Cornel Parker had 20 points to lead seven Cavaliers in double figures. Kevin Hines and Bruce Martin each had 12 points for Clemson, which lost for the 12th time in its last 15 games at Virginia

No. 17 Purdue 76, Wisconsin 60: Glenn Robinson scored 31 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as the Boilermakers (10-2, 1-2 Big Ten) beat Wisconsin at home for the 21st consecutive time. Tracy Webster had 20 points to lead the Badgers (7-4, 0-2), who have lost 13 consecutive conference road

No. 20 Georgetown 74, DePaul 45: The Hoyas (9-2) scored the first eight points of the game and then cruised, by forcing visiting DePaul (8-6) into 13 turnovers in the first

No. 23 Michigan State 77, No. 21 Ohio State 60: The Spartans (9-3, 1-2 Big Ten) made their first 10 shots from the field in bouncing back from a 52-39 loss to Illinois on Saturday. Shawn Respert had 22 points and junior guard Kris Weshinskey had a career-high 21 to lead Michigan State. Jamie Skelton got 17 for Ohio State (9-3, 2-1), which had a five-game winning streak snapped and lost at home for just the third time in 42 games.

Are Days of Domination Over for NHL's Lemieux?

By Dave Anderson New York Times Service

TEW YORK - In the Pittsburgh airport Saturday N EW YORK — in the ritisoura upon might two workmen were discussing the Steelers' 24-3 loss to the Buffalo Bills.

"No Super Bowl for the Steelers," one said. "Just like no World Series for the Pirates. But there's always the Penguins. The Penguins are going to win the Stanley Cup again." "The Penguins?" the ...

other said. "I don't care Vantage about the Penguins." Even if that man doesn't Point

care about the Penguins, he, like so many others, now surely cares about Mario Lemieux, suddenly stricken with Hodgkin's disease, cancer of the une system.

Even before a damaged back benched Wayne Gretzky of the Los Angeles Kings for the first half of this season, Lemieux had skated to hockey's center stage, an icon in ice

When the Pengnins won the Stanley Cnp the last two years, he was voted the Conn Smythe Trophy both times as the most valuable player in the playoffs. With 39 goals and 65 assists for 104 points this season, he was on his way to his fourth Art Ross Trophy as the National Hockey League's leading scorer. He loomed as the winner for a second time of the Hart Trophy, the MVP award. And he seemed to do it all while hardly breaking a sweat.

In a 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers last week, the 27-year-old center swooped in on a breakaway, froze goal-

tender John Vanbiesbrouck and zapped the puck high into call the "mantle area" of the chest, neck and underarms, a the net as if it were on a laser beam. Typical.

Lemieux appears to hypnotize goaltenders with his reach and range -he is 6-foot-4 (1.93 meters) and rises to 6-7 on "His face is so calm," Philadelphia Flyers' goaltender

Dominic Roussels has said. "He shows no sign of stress." Now there must be signs of stress. Having had a lymph node removed from his neck. Lemieux will undergo radiation treatments for the next month. Although team officials said he might be able to play

again in four to six weeks, that has been described as

possibly overly optimistic because of the fatigue sometimes caused by the radiation. Over the years, severe illness has struck down baseball's Ernie Davis with leukemia, basketball's Maurice Stokes with

encephalitis. According to Dr. Charles Burke, the Penguins' physician, Lemieux's life and career are not threatened. Even so, the question remains: Will he ever be the same dominating

Karl Nelson wasn't. As an offensive tackle on the New York Giants' Super Bowl XXI championship team, he was a tower of power: 6-4 and 275 pounds (125 kilograms). But in August 1987, he discovered a lump in his chest. Doctors removed a mass the size of a small fist.

"My form of Hodgkin's disease was considered Stage 1B or 2A. I forget which," Nelson said Wednesday. "That was a little more serious than Mario's Stage 1." Nelson needed four weeks of radiation in what doctors

week off, a week of radiation on his chest, another week off, then four weeks of radiation in the abdominal area. That span of 11 weeks kept him off the roster throughout the strike-internipted 1987 season. After unrelated shoulder surgery, Nelson returned in

1988, but started only three games. Just before the Giants' final game, another lump developed. This time he needed six months of chemotherapy. He never played football again. He's now a Giants radio broadcaster and a financial adviser for an insurance company in New Jersey.

MET MARIO at the 1989 Dapper Dan dinner in Pittsburgh, where I received an inspirational award, Nelson recalled. "We just shook hands — he probably that he was pretty big for a hockey player." Every six months for the last three and a half years,

Nelson has had a checkup without any sign of a recurrence of Hodekin's, named for the English doctor who discovered it. He feels fine, although he mentioned that "the bottoms of my feet always feel like they're asleep," perhaps a result of his radiation or chemotherapy treatments.

For a hockey player, would a similar feeling in the bottoms of the feet affect skating and performance?

"But the important thing for Mario now is that he's comfortable with his doctors," Nelson said. "He has to keep positive. He has to have a good mental attitude about all this. If you believe your doctors are helping you, they are. If

3 Skiing Races For Men Moved

The Associated Press ST. ANTON, Austria

Continuing mild weather forced another three changes in the World Cup racing schedule Thursday, when three men's races were moved to the Swiss resort of Veyson-

Veysonnaz will take over a giant slalom that had been slated for Jan. 19 in Adelboden, and the Jan. 23-24 downhill and slalom that had been set for Wengen.

Thursday's training run for a men's downhill in St. Anton was called off because of rain and mild temperature. That race had been moved from Kitzbühel, Austria.

A slalom that had been slated for Kitzbühel on Sunday has been moved to Lech.

Three women's races this weekend have been moved from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

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SIDELINES

Lewis Title Defense Set for London LONDON (Reuters) — WBC heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis fill make the first defense of his title in London on April 24, against an

will make the first defense of his title in London on April 24, against an opponent yet to be decided. José Sulaiman, president of the WBC, said a vote was underway among

WBC members to decide whether Lewis must fight the No. 1 challenger, Tony Tucker of the United States, or the Lewis camp's choice, London-born Jamaican Alex Stewart. Sulaiman said a decision would be an-

nounced in eight to 10 days.

Time-Warner's sports president, Seth Abraham, announced that the American HBO cable television and TVKO pay-per-view organizations had signed a four-fight contract with Lewis.

Liverpool's Troubles Continue

LONDON (Reuters) - Liverpool's injured midfielder, Michael Thomas, was ruled out for the rest of the season on Thursday with a snapped Achilles' tendon, inflicting another blow on the ailing English Premier League club.

Thomas was carried off in the second half of the FA Cup defending champion's humiliating 2-0 third-round replay defeat by second division Bolton. Bolton pulled off one of the biggest upsets in English soccer history Wednesday night on goals by John McGinlay and Andy Walker.

• Liberia announced Thursday that because of its civil war it had withdrawn from qualifying for the 1994 World Cup; that made 11 African nations to do so, the most ever from the region, a FIFA official

Australia, W. Indies in Cricket Final

SYDNEY (AP) — Australia beat Pakistan by 23 runs Thursday to finish on top of the World Series Cup cricket standings after the preliminary eight-game schedule.

The victory gave Australia 11 points from its eight matches, followed by the West Indies with 10 and Pakistan 3 after the world champions lost their last six matches in a row. The West Indies and Australia begin play Saturday at Sydney in the best-of-three final. The second match is scheduled for Monday in

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sary, in Melborne next Wednesday. For the Record

Dick Schultz, the NCAA's executive director, said it should consider staging a football championship game, after the New Year's Day bowl games, as a much-needed revenue source.

Melbourne, with a third, if neces-

Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the former middleweight champion: matchmaker Teddy Bresner, and manager and trainer GI Clancy were inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Quotable

• Bud Collins, the television tennis commentator: "My uncle always describes an unforced error as his first marriage."

Spur's Johnson Doesn't Get Mad, The Associated Press

Avery Johnson didn't take offense when Jerry Tarkanian said the San Antonio Spurs didn't have a point guard. But now he is proding offense on the court.

Johnson had a season-high 17 points and passed for nine assists Wednesday night as the Spurs won, 89-81, at Minnesota and improved their record to 4-0 since he became a starter Jan. 7.

Rather than get upset when Tarkanian, who was fired on Dec. 18, complained about management's failure to acquire a point guard, ohnson said he was correct. "We are short of a big-time point guard," Johnson said. "Chicago is,

too. Portland. Terry Porter is not

the prototype point guard. So we are lacking a big-time point guard. But we've got some guys who can make up for it." John Lucas, 9-2 since replacing Tarkanian as coach, said Johnson enabled the Spurs to make up for David Robinson's 4-for-15 shooting and Sean Elliott's back injury

that limited him to 4½ minutes. "Avery was able to break their pressure and create some baskets," Lucas said. "He's raised his game."

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the NBA's second-worst record behind Dallas's 2-28. Robinson, despite his subpar shooting, grabbed 19 rebounds and hit a big jumper down the stretch.

Nuggets 108, Knicks 92: Denver shocked New York's NBA-leading

defense with 51.8 percent shooting. Reggie Williams scored 22 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 16 points, 16 rebounds and 6 of the Nuggets' season-high 16 blocks as they won for just the second time in

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

The Knicks, allowing just 92.4 points per game on 42.4 percent shooting before traveling to Denver, fall to 0-9 when they give up 100 points.

Celtics 98, Bullets 93: Boston, coming off victories in New York

The San Antonio-Minnesota utive triumph as Reggie Lewis ame marked the debut of Sidney scored 27 points and Robert Parish game marked the debut of Sidney Lowe as Timberwolves coach. got 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Celtics. They bolstered their Lowe replaced the fired Jimmy Rodgers on Sunday.

But Minnesota lost for the 17th Boston Garden record to 20-1 in their last 21 games against Washtime in 19 games and fell to 6-24. The Bullets lost for the 14th time

in 17 road games this season. Pistons 112, Mavericks 96: Detroit kept Dallas winless on the road this season in the debut of the Mavericks' interim coach, Gar Heard. Heard was named to replace Richie Adubato, fired earlier in the day, but the Mavericks still lost their 13th consecutive game and fell to 0-14 on the road this season.

Isiah Thomas scored 20 points and Dennis Rodman had 18 rebounds for the Pistons, snapping a streak of five games in which he grabbed more than 20. 76ers 129, Warriors 122: Jeff Hornacek scored 22 of his 29 points in the second half and led Philadelphia's decisive 10-2 run late in the

game against Golden State. Sarunas Marciulionis, who

missed the first 24 games of the and Cleveland, held on to beat season with a broken ankle, had 34 Washington for its seventh consec-points for the visiting Warriors.

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The Latest D.C. Duke

By Russell Baker

N EW YORK — At these times Washington is like an old courtesan taking a new lover. Necessity counts for more than passion in these affairs, and what appears at first to be love quickly proves to be cold calculation.

One must accommodate, after all in a world where new conquerors arrive with such regularity. After Napoléon was defeated, Paris —official Paris, that is —shrugged and gave herself with a smile to the new crowd behind the Duke of

Unofficial Paris, of course, kept Napoléon in her heart and to this day has never quite got over him. In this she is more beguiling than unofficial Washington, which rare-

ly becomes passionately involved with any of the constant flux of conquering heroes. Franklin Roosevelt perhaps was truly loved by the unofficial Washington of his day, which was black, cultivated and middle-class.

Since then, unofficial Washington has changed a great deal. Most of it in fact now lives in white suburbs and in automobiles inching along ever-expanding, ever more congested highways.

It is not absurd to speak of suburbs as capable of giving their heart to anyone, yet the deepest emotions of suburban unofficial Washington are engaged chiefly with taxation

and highway construction. In the District, as these suburbanites call Washington with silent gratitude for not living in it, presidents come and go, talking not of Michelangelo but of polls and plans and leading indicators. If the latest fellow doesn't amount to much in the long run, unofficial Washington is not heartbroken.

It is official Washington that is fascinating to watch in these pauses between dream and reality. The outward signs all suggest a city gaga with delight at the prospect of

taking to herself a new conqueror. This is illusory. The illusion of a city in happy delirium is created by a compliant press, partly because it is an old press tradition to insist that inaugurations, despite mountains of cold and turgid evidence to the con-

trary, really are wild and crazy fun. The press, with its need for theatrics, also has a subliminal interest

LAST WORDS:

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T N fact and in fiction, last words

resound in our collective memo-

ry. From the former: Goethe calling for "more light," Cecil Rhodes be-moaning "so little done, so much to

do," Lytton Strachey complaining, "If this is dying, I don't think much of it." From the latter: Kurtz, in

Conrad's "Heart of Darkness," ut-

tering "a cry that was no more than

and in "Citizen Kane." the econy-

a breath: 'The horror!' The horror!'

in creating joyous expectations since it sets the stage for later stories about the collapse of high

Even more decisive to the sense that something tawdry is afoot is the smell of greed on the air. Greed for money, influence, jobs, taxpayersubsidized cars, promotions, unlimited expense accounts, partnerships, real-estate killings, titles, servants, retinues, private-plane privileges, invitations to dine, chairmanships, cabinet positions, for seeing oneself praised by notonious newspaper colimmists as brilliant, for being introduced to members of the opposite sex as powerful.

The new conqueror and his entourage usually know they ought not to succumb to the seductive atmosphere, but it is hard to resist. How hard it is even now to remember that scarcely a year has passed since George Bush was the toast of all official Washington humanity.

Why, don't you remember, Violetta? How we all loved him so, toadied so abjectly to his brilliance in matters of Araby that not a Democrat of any distinction even dared challenge him for our affection?

Now he is just another used-up old-timer who keeps hanging around the edge of the party, pretending it doesn't hurt to fall so far so fast. Bush was fond of talking about "modes." Does he now, one wonders, think of official Washington as being in treacherous oldharlot mode?

Surely not, not even in his most private thinking chambers. Such a thought is of a violence he tolerates only when in campaign mode. He is a Yale man, after all, and is now in transition mode. Never mind that sluttish official Washington wishes he would get stuffed.

Official Washington's immediate goal is not just to romance its new knight. It must move him beyond romance, wise him up, open his eyes, show him the true Washington way, remind him that he must now quit courting innocents beyond the Beltway and learn to do things the grown-up way, the Washington way, with committees, lawyers, know-how mechanics, in-

siders. Nestors of the press . . . Washington must now make him hers, and probably will, that cunning old courtesan.

New York Times Service

How Mr. Smith Took Hollywood to Tokyo

By Christine Chapman

N EW YORK — "Thanks to the Americans. there was audacious sexuality in Japanese films after the war," said Kyoko Hirano, the author of "Mr. Smith Goes to Tokyo," which exposes the often amusing effects the occupation government's policy of censorship had on Japan's film industry and popular culture.

"Kissing scenes must be made, they ordered," she said. "To Japanese they symbolized Western decadence and something that was never done in public. To the Americans they were to be a democratic force in a land of repressed sexuality. Some actors refused roles that involved kissing.

"An actress went to Hollywood to study kissing techniques. When the first kissing movie was released in May 1946, young students in the audience

The book, subtitled "Japanese Cinema under the American Occupation, 1945-1952" (Smithsonian Institution Press), explores the irony of the United States's determination to promote democracy in Japan by controlling the media. Banning traditional images and ideas of the former militaristic nation from movies was one way of Americanizing

Japan in a hurry. Out were swords, samurai, fendal loyalty, patriotic songs, photos of men in uniform, women walking behind their husbands and the national symbol, Mount Fuji. In were lots of democratic kissing scenes, baseball games, strong-willed women and history films featuring the people's rights movement of the late 19th century. American censors even banned mention of the

fact that the occupation was going on: scenes of airplanes flying overhead, soldiers on the street. their dates with Japanese women. The atomic bomb, with its gruesome aftermath, was certainly taboo. Kabuki, full of lords and retainers, was taken off the stage for a while. Any suggestion that the emperor was a war criminal was omitted: Hirohito

was to become the occupation's symbol of national unity. "Many enthusiastic Mr. Smiths were going to Tokyo intending to use film as a power to re-educate the Japanese mind," Hirano said. "The Japanese were moved by American idealism. They embraced democratic ideas and fell in love with American culture.

"Although many filmmakers felt the public was not ready for screen embraces, the readers of the Yomiuri newspaper disagreed. Seventy-three percent of those surveyed believed it was time to let love out of the closet, only three months after the first few kissing films appeared. Hirano, director of the film center at the Japan Society, is an exacting researcher — she calls herself "obsessive." names names, verifies dates and explains the political backgrounds of American censors and Japanese filmmakers. She is the first film historian to use declassified documents in both the United States and Japan.

She sifted through cartons of occupation papers in the National Archives in Washington and in Suitland, Maryland, where she saw the censored screenplays. In Tokyo she interviewed more than 40 film people, mostly Japanese directors but also American experts on Japanese cinema like Donald Richie. Her use of official documents, contemporary Japanese magazines and newspapers, and many of the approximately 1,000 films produced from 1945 to 1952 gives immediacy to the book. It was a labor of love.



Kyoko Hirano tells of film censorship during U.S. occupation.

"I didn't live the period," she said. "I was born in June, two months after the occupation ended when Americans left Japan on April 28, 1952.

"The research proved to be like Kurosawa's movie 'Rashomon,' the most famous film made during the period and one that escaped the censor's pencil. If I had had the same nswer, the same perspective from everyone, it would not be interesting. History is interesting when we discover how it's remembered. I was trying to re-create a history through the people who re-created their own history."

"Just as in "Rashomon," she went on, "an objective

account of events during the era is almost impossible to establish. I have tried to reconcile the differences and to show both the comic and tragic sides of the tale."

The story begins on a wry note: The Japanese movie business, which began early in the century, was finally freed from Japan's own wartime censors and the Nazi-inspired 1939 Film Law only to start all over again with a new set of rules. Hirano writes that the Japanese censors "imposed a standardized morality based on an austere lifestyle and an unquestioning sense of dedication to the war effort." No ng, no daytime drinking, so slice-of-life films, none showing individual happiness, no notous comedy, and no grief-stricken families sending their sons off to the front. The director Akira Kurosawa, in his 1984 book "Some-

thing Like an Autobiography," commented that American censors "behaved toward us in a gentlemanly fashion. Not

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a single one among them treated us as animals, the way the Japanese censors had."

The process was complicated: First, a synopsis of the screenplay was submitted for approval, then the script had to pass both civilian and military censorship branches, and finally the finished film was judged and often sent back for revisions. Since few censors read Japanese, everything was translated.

The Americans often seemed overly zealous. In remaking a popular 1947 anti-war novel, "The Story of a Prostitute," into the 1950 film "Desertion at Dawn," the script was rewritten at least seven times. The original story concerns a Korean "comfort girl," a woman who was forced to provide sex to Japanese soldiers during World War II. The Americans thought the idea too sensational and she turned into a Japanese singer who loved a lowly soldier, who was himself a victim of the sadistic army. The Americans objected to portraying army corruption because by the spring of 1949, they were fearful of fueling leftist sympathies in Japan. After the film was released, it became one of the top 10 films of 1950 and the official entry at the Cannes Film Festival in 1951. The director, Senkichi Taniguchi, believed the Americans were especially worried about his movie because the producing studio was supposedly a "a nest of reds.

"Many of the Americans thought that filmmakers were collaborators during the war, but only a handful supported the war passionately," Hirano said. "Most were passive, and they were used by

Japanese propagandists."

At the heart of Hirano's book is a description of the transformation of Emperor Hirohito from wartime military leader to model citizen. Using the controversial 1946 documentary "The Japanese Tragedy," an exposure of Japan's military aggression directed by Fumio Kamei, she shows how the early occupation's crusade against the imperial sys-

tem turned almost overnight into a scheme to preserve it. By mid-April 1946, General Douglas MacArthur, under orders from Washington, was working to keep the monarchy and humanize the emperor. The censors who had approved "The Japanese Tragedy" finally banned it in

The decision was a choice between freedom of expression, which the occupation government ardently advocated," Hirano writes, "and the smooth functioning of the occupation." The latter prevailed.

Hirano has a bachelor's degree in law from Tokyo's Waseda University and a master's in comparative culture from the University of Tokyo. In 1979 she began to study film at New York University on a Fulbright fellowship, and in 1988 she received a doctorate in cinema studies. The 40year-old Hirano is the first Japanese to teach Japanese cinema at New York University

She hopes her book - which she will translate for Japanese publication - will remind both Americans and Jananese how well they once cooperated. "I like films that emphasize how much we share as people, not those that stress the differences," she said. "The occupation period showed it was possible. There's no doubt that Americans liberated Japanese culture from the wartime yoke."

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PEOPLE

Letterman and Leno: The Big Face-Off?

It looks as if David Lettern really leaving NBC and all those pinheads and weasels — as he so fondly calls them — who run it. Pretty soon, CBS executives will be the butt of his jokes. His move to CBS, which was expected to be announced late Thursday in New York, would mean big money reportedly \$14 million to \$16 million — for the "Late Night" host, It means job security for NBC's Tonight" host, Jay Leno, whose 11:30 P.M. time slot Letterman wanted, and Letterman will get the 11:30 slot at CBS. The New York Times quoted executives close to the talks as saying that NBC had offered Leno's job to Letterman but that he turned it down. NBC executives vehemently denied any such offer.

The French film academy, facing open rebellion over a decision to bar foreign-language films from the annual Cesar awards, has hit on a compromise: Only the Cesar for best film will be restricted to French-language productions; offi-er awards will be open to any film made with French money or expertise. Jean-Jacques Annand, the di-rector of "The Lover," which was shot in English, and the producer-director Clande Berri, who resigned from the academy over the ban, have not yet withdrawn their resignations. "Things have to cool down a bit first," said Georges Cravenne. the organizer of the Cesars.

Audrey Hepburn and Elizabeth Taylor have been chosen to receive Jean Hersholt humanitatian awards at the Academy Awards ceremony.

Jean Harris, the killer of the 'Scarsdale Diet" doctor, has been hospitalized again after heart-bypass surgery last month. Harris, 69. has served almost 12 years of a 15year-to-life sentence for the 1980 shooting of Dr. Herman Tarnower, her longtime lover. On Dec. 29, hours before her heart surgery, Gov-ernor Mario Cuomo of New York granted her clemency, which makes her immediately eligible for parole. The parole board is to meet soon.

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short by an assassin's bullet, went

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sense of inadequacy. "Don't let it end like this," he moaned. "Tell

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in this case in "Richard II," through

the lips of the dying John of Gaunt:

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"Last Words" is Guthke's ex-

amination both of final utterances

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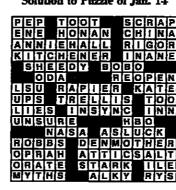
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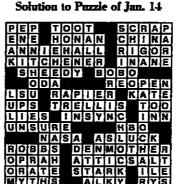
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By Alan Truscott

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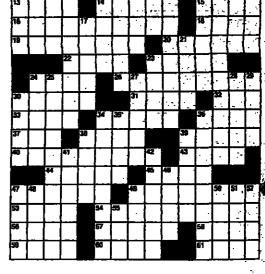
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ton queen was inconceivable: East would have saved over four

NORTH (D) But West upset this apple cart. He put up the spade king when a trump was led, and South was helpless. If he allowed West to win, that player would take two club tricks. if he won with the ace and played diamonds. West would be able to score a ruff. And if he won the ace

spade king was entirely safe. If South held the queen the king was